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MEMORANDUM

To: All MA Ambulance Services
All MA Accredited Training Institutions

CC: EMCAB Members

From: Jon Burstein, MD, State EMS Medical Director, DPH/OEMS

Date: January 5, 2010

Re: **Emergency Changes** to the upcoming Statewide Treatment Protocols in Version 8.03
(effective March 1, 2010)

This is to notify you that by order of the State EMS Medical Director, the following two emergency protocol changes have been incorporated into the upcoming Statewide Treatment Protocols, effective March 1, 2010. These changes are:

1. Adding nebulized epinephrine as a standing order option for **severe croup**, protocol 5.11.
2. Adding injectable steroids as a standing order option for **confirmed adrenal insufficiency**, Protocols 3.3, 3.10, 4.5, 5.6, 5.8, and 5.10.
3. Hydrocortisone/Methylprednisolone drug information added to the drug reference.
4. Hydrocortisone or Methylprednisolone added to Appendix A.
5. Nasal route added to the Medical Control option for Glucagon in Protocol 3.12 Syncope of Unknown Etiology.
6. Appendix R Thrombolytic added to the title. Title Reads: Fibrinolytic (Thrombolytic) Checklist.
7. Appendix R-This text was added to the *Note – This list can also be used to determine if a possible ischemic stroke victim, is a candidate for ischemic stroke reperfusion.
8. Nasal route added to Glucagon as a MCO in Protocols 1.4 and 5.3.

Ambulance services must ensure that their EMTs are trained on these changes as soon as possible and by no later than March 1, 2010. Please contact Patricia Reilly, RN, Clinical Coordinator at DPH/OEMS with any questions.