



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 22, 2016

TO: Muskegon County Life Support Agencies and Prehospital Providers

FROM: Chad Lawton, MCA Coordinator

SUBJ: **MEDICAL CONTROL PRIVILEGES PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION**

This memo is to inform the process of implementing the new Medical Control Privileges Protocol with effective date of March 1, 2016. The intent of this protocol is to establish a means of issuing and revoking privileges to practice as a prehospital provider within the Muskegon County MCA, as well as to set a clear minimum standard for all levels of prehospital providers and agencies.

This protocol contains new requirements for each level of prehospital provider. Providers and agencies need to make themselves aware of these changes and ensure they are compliant. In order to allow for a fair transition to these new requirements, the following timelines are provided (these timelines affect the effective date of the respective portions of this protocol as outlined in this memo):

1. Effective March 1, 2016 all Life Support Agencies wishing to maintain privileges will need to begin notifying the MCA of all new hire's who wish to receive privileges (see paragraph 3 B and 3 E of protocol).
2. Current providers will be grandfathered into the system as long as an updated roster is received by the MCA by March 1, 2016 that meets the requirements of the protocol (see paragraph 7 B of protocol).
3. EMT and Specialist level providers will be required to complete a written protocol test upon entering the system and every 2 years. This requirement will take effect June 1, 2016 in order to allow time for providers to review protocols. This requirement will affect ALL EMT and Specialist providers, current and new, wishing to obtain/maintain privileges.
4. EMT, Specialist and Paramedic providers wishing to maintain privileges at these respective levels will be required to maintain currency in an approved prehospital trauma course. The effective date of this requirement will be March 1, 2017.
5. Paramedics will be required to maintain currency in an approved prehospital pediatric course. The effective date of this requirement will be March 1, 2017.
6. New Paramedics will be required to successfully complete a practical MCA privileges test before being granted full privileges (see paragraph 6) effective March 1, 2016 (current Paramedics will be grandfathered in and will not need to meet this requirement). *Paramedics will continue to be required to successfully complete a written protocol test as well, with requirements as outlined in paragraph 3 C, effective March 1, 2016.

Questions regarding this matter can be directed to Chad Lawton, MCA Coordinator, at 231-728-1967 or clawton@wmrmc.org.