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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: All REMS Council EMS Agencies, EMS Physicians, and EMS Providers

FROM: Kelsey Rideout, Performance Improvement Specialist  
Rappahannock Regional Office of EMS

DATE: July 23, 2024

SUBJECT: 2024 Protocol Update

Recently the REMS Council Board of Directors approved the 2024 Prehospital Patient Care Protocols update. The new protocols will be available to view on the REMS Website. I have created a summary of the changes and it is attached to this memo, as well as listed on the website. We are working with the vendor to update the protocols on the PPP app, but please be aware there may be a delay that is out of our control before the new protocols are updated in the app.

**The implementation date for the new protocols is September 1, 2024.** Each agency is responsible for ensuring their providers review the new protocols and certify they will follow them after the date of their training or by September 1, whichever comes first. Agencies are required to maintain this documentation. However, the agencies choose to do the rollout, they'll need to keep documentation of who completes it/when. Some suggestions for rollouts have been:

- 1) In-person reviews with the shifts by training staff or EMS supervisors
- 2) PowerPoint/document review and acknowledgement in a LMS (e.g., Target Solutions)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kelsey Rideout at 804-837-9093, or [Kelsey.Rideout@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:Kelsey.Rideout@vdh.virginia.gov). We welcome your comments or other feedback on how to serve you better. Thank you for your professionalism and dedication to the regional EMS system.

# 2024 REMS Patient Care Protocol Updates

## Effective: September 1, 2024

- 1) In Admin section:
  - a. Updated page numbers on table of contents
  - b. Updated Safe Haven section from 14 days to 30 days
  - c. Updated “CODE 27” language to “CODE SANE” for appropriate patients
  - d. Added 3.18.3 Hospital Diversion section
  
- 2) In Medical section:
  - a. In Cardiac Arrest protocol: the AP section was added to AEMT beginning with "If no shock advised..."
  - b. In Respiratory Protocol: Epi was added as an AP skill for AEMT (the same language for standing orders for Paramedic was used in the AEMT section, just as AP); moved administration of a second Albuterol neb from AEMT to EMT section.
  - c. Stroke Triage Decision Scheme was updated
  
- 3) In Trauma section:
  - a. Updated Trauma Triage Guidelines to newest version
  
- 4) In Clinical Procedures section:
  - a. In medication table, the Epinephrine line was broken out into four separate lines based on route of administration.
  
- 5) In Reference section:
  - a. Added HCA Chippenham Hospital as Level I Trauma Center, and HCA Henrico Doctor’s Hospital as Level II Trauma Center
  - b. Moved diversion section to Admin
  
- 6) In Medication Reference section:
  - a. Footnote updated on every page
  
- 7) Regional Stroke Plan:
  - a. Stroke Triage Decision Scheme was updated