



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Joe Manchin III  
Governor

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Secretary

MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 22, 2007

**TO:** All Licensed EMS Agencies  
All Regional Program Directors  
All Regional Medical Directors

**FROM:** Jerry Kyle  
Director

**RE:** Revised BLS Upgrade Implementation

The implementation date for the upgraded EMT-Basic treatment protocols will be **August 1, 2007 at 0001 hours**. This brief delay in implementation will allow the entire EMS system to be properly prepared for a smooth operational transition to the new skills. Most EMS agencies have completed in-house training; however to assure that all policies and procedures are in place in other elements of the EMS system during this time of change within STECS/OEMS, we feel it is essential to move the date to August 1, 2007.

As a result of this impending expansion of the EMT-B Scope of Practice, additional equipment and supplies will be necessary. **Following are additional items that are required on BLS staffed ambulances statewide beginning August 1, 2007:**

1	Pulse oximeter with adult and pediatric finger probes
1	Glucometer
2	End tidal CO <sup>2</sup> detectors, adult, colormetric or quantitative
2	Combitubes®
4	Nebulizer sets
4	Albuterol 2.5 mg in 3 ml premixed ampules
1 bottle	Nitroglycerin 0.4 mg (1/150) tablet or spray
1 bottle	Acetaminophen (Tylenol) 160mg/5ml oral suspension
1	EpiPen®
1	EpiPenJr®

These items are ***in addition to*** currently required BLS supplies and equipment.

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Additional information concerning details of the BLS upgrade will be posted on the OEMS website at [www.wvoems.org](http://www.wvoems.org).

Thank you for your hard work and patience while we implement these important changes to benefit the citizens of West Virginia.

JK/jf

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