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**WVOEMS Protocol 4902 – Patient Comfort/Pain Management**

In compliance with Legislative Rule 64 CSR48 9.1.b.2 WVOEMS Protocol 4902 – Patient Comfort/Pain Management is hereby submitted for a thirty-day public comment period from September 14, 2017 through October 13, 2017.

This protocol was changed to include the use of Ketamine as a non-cardiac pain relieving agent after the administration of Morphine or Fentanyl. This does not require MCP order for the initial dose. This protocol was approved by EMSAC to move forward to MPCC with zero (0) negative feedback from the EMS communities attending those meetings.

All comments must be submitted by 11:59 PM October 13, 2017 to:

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Please indicate WVOEMS Protocol 4902 in the subject line.

9.1.b.2. Whenever any changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure as authorized in § 9.1.b.1 are proposed, a notice of the proposal will be electronically mailed to each EMS Agency and the full text of proposed changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure, will be published on the OEMS website. Notice of the proposed changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure as authorized in § 9.1.b.1, is subject to a thirty (30) day public comment period prior to their being effective. However, the MPCC may waive the public comment period when it finds that exigent circumstances exist and that the proposed changes in protocol, medication and procedure, scope of practice or policy and procedure must be implemented immediately to ensure patient safety.