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WVOEMS Controlled Substance Policy

The WVOEMS controlled substance policy has been amended to comply with the latest DEA legislative rule. (Public Law 115-83, 115th Congress). In compliance with Legislative Rule 64 CSR48 9.1.b.2 the WVOEMS Controlled Substance Policy is hereby submitted for a thirty-day public comment period from August 24, 2018 through September 22, 2018.

This policy will replace the previous policy. The link to the federal rule is here.
<https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ83/PLAW-115publ83.pdf>

The policy changes include:

- agencies may now complete one registration per organization instead on a registration for each station
- registrants may designate multiple individuals to handle and maintain the controlled substance inventory
- controlled substances can be delivered from the central storage area to the stations as long as the person delivering, is designated by the registrant
- all access shall occur in the presence of 2 personnel authorized by the registrant
- the agency may receive replacement drugs from a hospital providing the hospital and the agency keep records of the transaction and the individual receiving the controlled substance reports the transaction within 72 hours

All comments must be submitted by 11:59 PM September 22, 2018 to:

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Please indicate WVOEMS Controlled Substance Policy 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.