MSFA EMS Committee, VAIP Representative Report

November 7, 2009

The Maryland Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP) Update Committee met on June 26, August 11, and September 15, 2009. The MSFA EMS Committee was not notified of the June 26th meeting but had representation at the August and September meetings. The following report summarizes the status of the proposed actions at this time. MMP refers to Maryland Medical Protocols.

BLS-Ambulance

- Add - AED footnote to indicate need to be Pediatric capable by July 2010 in keeping with AHA requirements.
- Change - Tourniquets to “Commercially Available”
- Change - Thermometer to indicate “no mercury” and indicate “digital with disposable cover” or “disposable sublingual”.
- Add - Pediatric Stethoscope
- Researching - Portable Suction Unit Specs.
- Change - 4 towels to 2
- Add - 2 Sheets
- Add - wording ANSI Standard to Reflective Vests
- Change - Pulse Oximeter to mandatory as of 2012 in keeping with MMP

ALS-Ambulance

- Drugs and Medications have been added or deleted and dosages have been corrected or updated to reflect the current MMP requirements.
- Deleted - Adult and Pediatric Arm Board
- Updated - wording of Double Lumen Airway Device
- Updated - Blood Tubes per MMP and per Jurisdiction
- Add - specific wording for Lavage Syringes
- Add - specific wording for Donut Magnet
- Add - language to allow “electronic” MMP
- Housekeeping - to correct document language.

Plans are to have DRAFT of document presented to the EMS Committee by late January or early February to review and make recommendation to the MSFA Executive Committee for their February 27, 2010 Meeting. This will require a MSFA EMS Committee in February 2010.

Respectively Submitted,

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