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MEMORANDUM

To: All MA Ambulance Services
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From: Abdullah Rehayem, Director
Mass. Dept. of Public Health/Office of Emergency Medical Services

Re: Implementation of Revised Statewide Trauma Triage Criteria, September
1, 2011

Date: July 8, 2011

Attached is the revised Statewide Trauma Field Triage Criteria (Triage Criteria). Implementation of these Triage Criteria is effective September 1, 2011. If a service has already trained its EMTs, it may begin following the revised Triage Criteria immediately. These Triage Criteria are now posted on the Department's website, at www.mass.gov/dph/oems. Click on the third bullet under Topics, "DPH-Approved Statewide Point of Entry Plans."

Department-approved regional point-of-entry plans (POE) for trauma have been updated accordingly. Please contact your respective Regional EMS Council for the POE approved for your EMS region.

The Department, through the Regional EMS Councils, has provided a number of train-the-trainer classes. Additional training is available through the Regional EMS Council offices. Please contact your applicable Regional EMS Council for details.

Please be sure to inform all your EMS personnel of the updated trauma triage criteria and revised point of entry plans.

Thank you for your cooperation and your continued assistance in providing quality EMS care to patients throughout the Commonwealth.