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To: Highest Jurisdictional Officials
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From: Timothy Chizmar, MD, FACEP
State EMS Medical Director

Date: December 7, 2020

Re: **ALS Protocol Orientation Replaces Protocol Exam**

I am excited to announce the launch of the MIEMSS ALS Protocol Orientation in the Maryland EMS Online Training Center. Effective immediately, this online training program replaces the ALS protocol exam as a requirement for Maryland paramedic licensure.

I believe this new program will significantly enhance knowledge of the *Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services* for new paramedics. Also, it will preclude the need to schedule in-person testing or conduct jurisdictional protocol review sessions. The orientation program is organized into eight modules, which can be completed at the participant's own pace. Candidates for a Maryland paramedic license will complete the following process:

- Complete the online application at www.miemsslicense.com for paramedic licensure.
- MIEMSS will verify that the candidate has active status as a National Registry Paramedic.
- Complete the Maryland Medical Protocol Orientation for ALS Clinicians in the Online Training Center (www.emsonlinetraining.org).
- The completed Protocol Orientation will appear on the candidate's MIEMSS transcript within 10-14 days.
- Once the application and record of completion of the Protocol Orientation have been received, the application will be sent to the candidate's EMS Operational Program and Medical Director for approval.
- Once EMSOP and medical director approval have been received by MIEMSS, the application will be processed and a license will be issued.

MIEMSS will maintain the existing ALS protocol exam as an option for paramedic licensure candidates until December 31, 2020. Please contact Melissa Meyers, ALS Program Manager (mmeyers@miemss.org) if you have any questions.

CC: Medical Directors
Regional Administrators