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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Paramedic Service Chiefs, First Nations and Ornge

**FROM:** Steven Haddad  
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**RE:** **Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards,  
version 4.5 and Provincial Equipment Standards for  
Ontario Ambulance Services, version 3.4**

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I am pleased to announce the publication and release of the *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards* (ALS PCS), version 4.5 and the *Provincial Equipment Standards for Ontario Ambulance Services* (Equipment Standards), version 3.4.

Pursuant to clause 11(b) of O. Reg. 257/00 under the *Ambulance Act*, each ambulance service operator and every paramedic shall ensure that patient care is provided in accordance with the *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards* as published by the Ministry, as that document may be amended from time to time.

Pursuant to subsection 3(1) of O. Reg. 257/00 under the *Ambulance Act* the operator of a land ambulance service shall meet the certification criteria set out in the *Land Ambulance Certification Standards*. In accordance with Part III - Operational Certification Criteria under the *Land Ambulance Certification Standards*, (d.1) each vehicle used as an ambulance in the service shall contain as a minimum the accessory and patient care equipment set out in the document titled "*Provincial Equipment Standards for Ontario Ambulance Services*", published by the Ministry as may be amended from time to time.

The revisions to these standards have involved collaboration among the branch, the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, the Ontario Base Hospital Group Medical Advisory Committee, Toronto Paramedic Services, Ornge and the Ministry of Labour.

Version 4.5 of the ALS PCS and version 3.4 of the Equipment Standards represent "partial updates" as per the *Living Document Framework*, and both standards come into force as of **May 1, 2018**. The standards, along with a complete Summary of Changes, are enclosed.

Please ensure that your personnel are informed of, and become familiar with the changes and new requirements.

Please refer to the Document Control Matrix of the ALS PCS and Equipment Standards for further versioning history.

If you have any questions regarding the ALS PCS or Equipment Standards, please contact Denise D'Souza, Paramedic Standards and Certification Coordinator, at [Denise.DSouza@ontario.ca](mailto:Denise.DSouza@ontario.ca) or 416-327-1580.

Regards,

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