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

**FROM:** Chris Georgakopoulos  
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**RE:** **Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards, version 4.1**

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I am pleased to announce the publication and release of the *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards* (ALS PCS), version 4.1.

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.

The development of this version included collaboration with the Emergency Health Services Branch, the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, the Ontario Base Hospital Group - Executive Committee, the Ontario Base Hospital Group - Medical Advisory Committee, Toronto Paramedic Services, Ornge, the College of Midwives Ontario and the Association of Ontario Midwives.

The addition of the Emergency Childbirth Medical Directive (PCP/ACP) is the only change that has been made in Version 4.1. Version 4.1 of the ALS PCS comes into force as of **December 11, 2017**, to align with the in force date of the revised *Basic Life Support Patient Care Standards*.

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

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

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