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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 4.6.1**

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Please be advised of the below revisions and reissue of the *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards (ALS PCS)*.

Since the publication and release of the ALS PCS, version 4.6, on September 3, 2019 - a formatting error was identified in the tables of the “Symptomatic Bradycardia Medical Directive” and the “Tension Pneumothorax Medical Directive”. In addition, the reference to the “EHSB” (Emergency Health Services Branch) in the definitions section of the “Certification Standard”, has been updated to “Division”.

Version 4.6.1 of the ALS PCS represents a “reissue due to publication error” as per the *Living Document Framework*, and comes into force as of **October 23, 2019**. Version 4.6.1 of the ALS PCS is enclosed.

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.

Please note, there is no change to paramedic practice, no operational impact and no additional costs associated with the publication of this update.

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

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

If you have any questions regarding the ALS PCS, please contact [ParamedicStandards@ontario.ca](mailto:ParamedicStandards@ontario.ca).

Regards,

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