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MEMORANDUM

TO: McLean County Area EMS System Members

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DATE: January 11, 2007

SUBJECT: Automated External Defibrillators and Cardiac Monitor Settings

It has come to our attention that many of the manufacturers for automated external defibrillators (AED) and cardiac monitors have not released the updates that will bring them into compliance with the new American Heart Association (AHA) and McLean County Area EMS System protocols. In order to ensure the safety of the EMS providers within the McLean County Area EMS System, we are authorizing that the manufacturer settings to be followed until after the software updates are provided by the manufacturer.

We request that if your agency is operating any AED or cardiac monitors that do not conform with AHA and EMS System protocols, that you request from the manufacturer, in writing, an estimated timeline for the updates to be released to bring their product into compliance with national and system standards. This will allow your agency to keep this correspondence on file.

If you should have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the EMS System office at (309) 827-4348.

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