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TO: All McLean County Area EMS System Members using GEAC

FROM: Cathy Belcher, RN, BSN
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RE: New field in GEAC

As you are aware, there are many service delivery model changes occurring within the McLean County Area EMS System. Lifeline Mobile Medics will no longer take emergency calls after Saturday, September 1, 2007 at 0700 and many agencies within our system have undergone changes related to their EMS delivery model. Even with all the preparation and planning that has occurred it is critical that we all continue to monitor patient care within the system.

With this in mind, the EMS System desires to monitor the availability of ALS when the patient's condition warrants. In order to monitor this, a field within GEAC called "ALS Available?" has been added. This can be found on the patient screen at the top of the 2nd column. When completing this field in GEAC, ask yourself the following question: "Did I request an ALS intercept and received that ALS intercept?" Just answer "Y" for yes or "N" for no or "N/A" for not applicable. The McLean County Area EMS System will monitor this information over the next few months to watch for any developing trends.

As always, if you have any concern, please contact the EMS System office, so that we may follow-up on these concerns. Thank you for your commitment to EMS Excellence and your service within the McLean County Area EMS System.

cc: Greg Scott, EMS Coordinator
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