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Region 8 Providers (ECRN, PHRN, FR, EMT-B, and EMT-P's)

Region 8 Associate

Region 8 Participating Hospitals

Dear Providers,

It has always been the Region 8 Medical Directors' practice to oversee the delivery of safe and current prehospital care. As you know every two years we spend countless hours reviewing and revising the SOP's. The 2018 edition was to become effective August 1, 2018. The Directors have received significant concerns regarding the rollout of these updated SOPs. There have been typographical errors as well as dosing inconsistencies that were discovered post printing. There is also significant concern across the region regarding drug shortages and how that will impact delivery of the new protocols. Given the current structure of health care systems, we are working toward a solution that will enable our Region 8 providers to be able to deliver effective patient care.

In the interest of maintaining high standards and safe practice, the Medical Directors have come to a consensus to delay the initiation of the 2018 SOPs. We feel it is best to delay implementation at this time. We request that all providers continue to follow the 2016 SOPs until directed otherwise.

Additionally, the 2018 booklets (purple cover and pocket size) are to be returned to your agency EMS Coordinator.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that we are delivering the safest care possible. Your guiding protocols should be clear, concise and applicable. We want to assure that you are given proper and accurate direction. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your system coordinator. As always, we value and appreciate your feedback in this process, without your dedication this Region would not be what it is today.

Respectfully,

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