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TO: All SLO County ALS Providers

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SUBJECT: Revisions to New ALS Protocols #616 & #620

Please be advised that the SLO County EMSA has updated two of the new 2007 ALS Treatment Protocols: #616 *Obstructed Airway* and #620 *Intraosseous Infusion*. These updates were made after the recent printing of the 2007 ALS Field Manuals, therefore; paramedics will need to write the following changes in their Field Manuals when they receive them:

- #616 *Obstructed Airway*
 - Item IV. A. 2.
 - Item IV. B. 4.
 - Item VI. A. 1.
 - Item VI. B. 4.In each of the above places, line out the item and write in "Perform procedures for foreign-body airway obstruction according to current BLS training (abdominal/chest thrusts, finger sweeps)."

- #620 *Intraosseous Infusion*
 - Section III, 5th bullet
 - Line out "and hospital arrival time >15 minutes."

I regret the inconvenience this may cause, however; the EMSA Clinical Advisory Committee and I believe these updates are necessary to clarify the intent of the treatment protocols.

Please find the updated policies attached, and always refer to the SLO EMS Agency website www.sloemsa.org for current policy.

Thank you for your cooperation.