



MEMS Spring 2026 Protocol Updates

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- 3.A.1 Certification requirements by provider level put back in and up to date
- 3.E.1 Add wording for when a provider is terminated from an agency, 60-day grace period (at Medical Director's discretion), will have to protocol test before joining another agency
- 6.C.1 Corrected PCR completion time for accuracy to align with most recent IDPH regulations
- 6.E.2 Add wording for when interfacility unit has to re-route to a different facility
- 11.C.2 Change wording to "Previously established lock (no meds or fluids) may be transported at the EMT level"
- 12.F.1 Add "obvious mortal wounds including massive blunt or penetrating trauma of a vital organ" to withholding of resuscitation criteria.
- 12.G.2 All Paramedic level transport agencies will now be required to submit to Cares and have a robust agency level CQI program for cardiac arrests.
- 12.G.2 All CARES cases must be entered by the 15th of the following month
- 14.A.2 D10 I/O route added
- 16.E.1 Add to allow removal of scoop stretcher or combi BB before loading or securing on stretcher, Add reduce stretcher to lowest level (for safety)
- 18.D.1 #9 and #10 Remove "backboard" and "disposable" wording, added "(do not secure to the leg rails of the stretcher)".
- 18.D.1 Add highest level provider on-scene should be lead on the call anytime a patient is physically restrained
- 18.D.1 Update wording for when law enforcement has patient in custody (handcuffs). Update wording for changing from handcuffs to non-violent restraints
- 26.A.1 Add IO route to D10