

HIGHLIGHTS of the
Idaho Emergency Medical Services **Physician Commission** (EMSPC)
February 10, 2012 Meeting

- Statewide EMS Protocols and Procedures

The EMSPC Statewide Protocol Subcommittee hopes to have a complete set of protocols and procedures to submit to the Commission for approval at the May 2012 meeting. It was proposed that a requirement for Statewide Protocols and Procedures be added to their rule as, IDAPA §16.02.02.100.03. See the minutes for the wording and explanation of possible exemptions.

- AEMT-85s may take the EMT-2011 Transition Course to gain missing floor skills and still maintain their AEMT-85 license

The Commission voted to allow AEMT-85s to take the EMT-2011 Transition Course to gain the missing EMT-2011 knowledge and floor skills of: Aspirin for suspected cardiac chest pain, ATV for non-intubated patients, Epi-Auto Injector, MARK-1 Duo Dote, and Pulse Oximetry.

This is not mandatory. Therefore, medical directors and EMS personnel must remain vigilant to ensure the receiving provider can provide equal to or same level of care when transferring a patient.

- Continuing discussion of possible EMT-2011 Optional Modules

Commissioners and stakeholders continue to discuss the pros and cons of allowing EMT-2011s to have some AEMT-85 skills as optional modules. We hope you will read the minutes for the details of this continuing discussion.

Discussion of this topic will continue at the May 11, 2012, meeting. This option will affect reimbursement rates if implemented. Your input is desired.

- Epi IM will be added as an Optional Module for EMRs, EMTs & AEMT-85s in the 2013-1 Standards Manual

Because of the expense of EpiPens, the Commission will create a protocol for an Epi IM optional module. This will not become effective until the 2013-1 Standards Manual is approved by next year's legislature and goes into effect July 1, 2013.

- Scope of Practice Grid Clarification - Inhaled Beta Agonist

The Scope of Practice grid will be clarified to indicate which license levels can use MDI and SVN methods of administration for inhaled beta agonist.

Nitroglycerin paste will be discussed at the May EMSPC meeting.