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TO: ALS Providers  
BLS Providers

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SUBJ.: Medical Devices and Point of Care Testing

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify all prehospital care service providers that you are required to obtain my approval prior to implementing novel or not previously used medical devices or point of care testing devices by your organization. The requirement to obtain prior approval includes basic life support (BLS) and advanced life support (ALS) devices.

I am fully committed and in support of advances in treatment and tools that have been shown to have measurable improvements in care and, ultimately, patient outcomes. I want to be patient centric and strive to advance our prehospital care system in a collaborative way with the prehospital care service providers in our county. If a device, medication or technique has been shown to assist patients, improve outcomes or protect prehospital personnel, then I want to explore it and see if it can be safely used in our prehospital system.

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