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# MEMO

To: All SC EMS Providers

From: Jennifer L. Paddock, Director  
Division of EMS and Trauma

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RE: Capnography

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Effective October 1, 2011 the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of EMS and Trauma, will begin requiring that all licensed SC EMS providers who perform naso-tracheal or endo-tracheal intubation have printable, waveform capnography capabilities. Initially, this requirement was to take effect on January 1, 2011. It is still highly recommended that providers obtain these capabilities on or before this date. However, due to budget constraints being experienced by many licensed providers, we feel that it would be in the best interest of the EMS community to extend the deadline until October, 2011. This extension will carry all providers into their next budget cycle regardless of whether your fiscal year begins in January or July.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Greg Kitchens or me at 803-545-4204.