



PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Board Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

Subject: Change to Required Equipment List – IO Needle Sizes

VTR#: 0624-02

Committee/Task Force: Medical Advisory

☐ Recommended Goal

☒ Recommended Policy Change

☐ Other:

Recommendation:

The Department should amend the current required equipment and supply list to list needle specifications capable of both adult and pediatrics (1-each).

Rationale [Background]:

Currently the list requires IO needles specified by needle gauge. This reference is not consistent with current IO device drivers. These devices use a consistent gauge needle of varying length based on patient size.

Medical Review [Concerns]:

None.

Fiscal Concerns:

None.

Educational Concerns:

None.

Plan of Implementation:

Addressed at the agency level.

	BLS	BLS	IALS	IALS	ALS	ALS		
Equipment/Supplies	QRS	Ambulance	Squad	Ambulance	Squad	Ambulance	Squad	CCT Air
Intraosseous Needle 14—18 gauge (1 of each)				X	X	X	X	X X

**Recommendation: change IO needle requirement to,
“Intraosseous Needle, adult and pediatric length (1 each).”**

The PEHSC Committee/Task Force offers consultation to the Department in regard to the content of this Vote to Recommend (VTR) and its attached documents. The PEHSC Committee/Task Force specifically offers staff or member support to participate in Department deliberations regarding this recommendation in an effort to convey committee/task force discussions.

Board Meeting Comments/Concerns:

Signed: _____ Date _____
President

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Accept: _____ Table: _____ Modify: _____ Reject: _____

Comments:

Date of Department Response: _____