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DATE: September 3, 2014

TO: Leslie Stein-Spencer
Director, Medical Administration and Regulatory Compliance
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1338 S. Clinton St.
Chicago, IL 60607

FROM: **REGION XI EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS**

SUBJECT: **MONITORING OF ALS PATIENTS**

It has come to the attention of the Region XI EMS Medical Directors that patients receiving Advanced Life Support (ALS) care are being disconnected from their monitors before being transported into the hospital Emergency Department. **Effective immediately, for all ALS patients, cardiac monitoring with the LP12 / LP15 must continue into the hospital and until care is endorsed over to the receiving staff.**

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this information.

Respectfully,

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TO: Region XI EMS Prehospital Providers
FROM: **REGION XI EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS**
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Please notify your EMS field personnel that effective immediately, all patients receiving Advanced Life Support (ALS) care will have continuous ECG monitoring during transportation from the ambulance into the Emergency Department. Direct monitoring must continue until EMS personnel have endorsed care over to the receiving hospital's staff.

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