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**SUBJECT:** Use of ALS monitor/defibrillators by BLS providers and AEMT's on vehicles used at the BLS and IALS levels.

**TO:** Regional EMS Agencies

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This EMS information supersedes EMS information Bulletin #26 Dated March 3, 2005 (AED Mode Use on ALS Monitor/Defibrillator Devices)

Use of ALS monitor defibrillators that have an AED mode is permissible on vehicles operated at the BLS or IALS levels by BLS and AEMT providers if the following criteria are met:

1. Use of AED mode of ALS monitors by EMR and EMTs.
  - a. Personnel below the level of AEMT are **NOT** permitted to bypass the AED mode under any circumstance. The monitor **MUST** default to AED mode.
2. Use of components of ALS monitors by AEMT's.
  - a. Personnel at the level of AEMT **ARE AUTHORIZED** to use these monitors for the purposes of capnography, obtaining a 12-Lead ECG, transmission of a 12-lead ECG and use as an AED provided the monitor's default setting at start-up is in the AED Mode.
  - b. Personnel at the level of AEMT are not authorized to use these monitors for the purposes of monitoring single or multiple ECG leads or interpretation of those leads that exceeds their scope of practice.
3. Confirmation of default AED mode at startup will be evaluated during licensure and other safety inspections.

Please forward any questions to your local PA Regional EMS Council.