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MEMORANDUM TO: Sector Partners

FROM: Susan Picarello
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RE: **Publication of *Patient Care Model Standards* Version 1.1 and the *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards* Version 5.1**

I am pleased to share the final *Patient Care Model Standards* version 1.1 and the *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards* (ALS PCS) version 5.1 for publication. They can also be found online at:

https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/emergency_health/edu/practice_documents.aspx

As you know, these documents will enable the implementation of expanded patient care models for select 9-1-1 patients, as announced by the Government in August 2022. The expansion will include broader patient eligibility beyond mental health & addictions and palliative care patients, and also allow the Treat & Discharge model.

The final versions of these standards reflect feedback received through the public posting from December 21, 2022 to January 13, 2023. We are very grateful for the valuable feedback provided by our partners such as the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs (OAPC), Ontario Base Hospital Group Medical Advisory Committee (OBHG MAC) and paramedic unions.

The ALS PCS version 5.1 has included Treat & Discharge auxiliary medical directives and an updated Preamble section to guide these directives developed by OBHG MAC. We would like to thank OBHG MAC for their timely efforts in providing these changes.

On an ongoing basis, the ministry will continue to work with OAPC, base hospitals, paramedic unions and other partners to monitor the implementation of expanded patient care models and determine emerging areas of improvement for the *Patient Care Model Standards* and the ALS PCS for future revisions.

Please share this communication with other stakeholders/partners that may benefit from awareness of the webpage.

If you have any technical questions, please email PPIU@ontario.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Picarello".

Susan Picarello
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