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To: All ALS Providers and Agencies

From: Jeremy T. Cushman, MD, MS, EMT-P *JT Cushman*
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Re: **Advisory 10-08: ALS Monitors as AEDs**

In order to comply with DOH BEMS Policy 10-01 which requires all in-service transporting ambulances have the ability to defibrillate patients of all age groups, many ALS agencies have been examining the use of the ALS Monitor to meet this requirement when placed in AED mode to be used by BLS personnel.

It has come to our attention that the Physio-Control Lifepak 12, Lifepak 15, and Phillips Heartstart MRx monitors are not indicated for the defibrillation of pediatric patients when the monitor is placed in AED mode, as the device is unable to step-down energy dosage. Zoll E and M series monitors are not affected by this.

The Program Agency understands that as a result of this some agencies may not be able to meet state policy by May 1st and alternative solutions may be required to meet this requirement. Further, it's important for agencies to recognize the limitations of their monitors/defibrillators when being placed in AED mode.

With questions, please contact the Regional Program Agency.