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MEMORANDUM

TO: All ALS Provider Services
All Licensed EMS Personnel

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SUBJECT: Pediatric Equipment Requirements

Pediatric Naso-Gastric (NG) Tubes

Pediatric NG tubes are not required equipment on ground ambulances because there is no protocol to allow NG tubes to be used on pediatric patients. If you have any pediatric NG tubes on your ground units, please remove them.

Pediatric Advanced Airways

The current ground ambulance airway equipment for pediatrics approved by the State Emergency Medical Control Committee (SEMCC) and the OEMS&T are: the pediatric specific ET tubes; the pediatric bag-valve mask resuscitators; and, the pediatric oropharyngeal airways. Please be reminded that pediatric intubation is a Category B procedure and requires medical control permission to perform. Until further pre-hospital pediatric advanced airway studies have been completed, there will be no other pediatric airway devices or procedures approved for use on pediatric patients.

If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please call the OEMS&T at (334)206-5383 or email EMSInquiry@adph.state.al.us.

