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Memo To: All NHSHP-authorized paramedic level services

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Re: EZ-IO Notification

During the first several months since implementation, our field providers have had numerous opportunities to utilize the EZ-IO device as a means of obtaining emergent vascular access. As a new device in our system, we had initially asked that after each use, the paramedic contact the MIC Medical Director for a debriefing on its use (2008 NHSHP Protocols, Chapter 2, section C-9). It has become apparent that the roll-out of this new technology has been a successful one. The feedback that we have gotten has been overwhelmingly positive, with no major complications noted.

In light of this positive experience, the staff at NHSHP feels comfortable with monitoring of EZ-IO use becoming part of the standard CQI process. **Therefore effective 11/1/2008, NHSHP-authorized paramedics will no longer be required to notify the MIC Medical Director after each use of an EZ-IO.** Providers are of course still welcome to contact NHSHP personnel after any call with any questions or concerns that they may have. If you have any questions on this subject, please contact any of the New Haven Sponsor Hospital Operations staff.

