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DATE: January 29, 2007

SUBJECT: Out-Of-Hospital Nonresuscitation Act

TO: PA Academy of Family Physicians
PA Medical Society
Hospital Association of PA
PA EMS Regional Councils
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A new state law that took effect January 28, 2007, will replace the Do-Not-Resuscitate Act. The Out-of-Hospital Non-resuscitation Act, signed by Governor Ed Rendell in November, will determine how end-of-life decisions are made for Pennsylvanians who do not leave a living will or other instructions, should they become incapacitated.

To review the updated information, please go to the PA Department of Health website at <http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us> and type "DNR" in the search engine, which is in the upper right hand corner.

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