

# SAEMS PREHOSPITAL PROTOCOLS

## STANDING ORDERS

- I. The purpose of standing orders is to provide EMS providers the opportunity to implement patient care without establishing radio contact with a base hospital.
- II. There are key components to the written report when Standing Orders are utilized. Thorough documentation of an adequate assessment is essential. Reference to inclusion and exclusion criteria is recommended, with attention also paid to pertinent negatives. It should be clear why the particular Standing Order was chosen. Implementation and response to interventions is also a critical part of the prehospital report. Independent, off-line practice often requires additional responsibility on the part of the provider when it comes to judgment and documentation.
- III. When a standing order has been initiated, the EMS provider must relay the appropriate patient related information to the receiving hospital via radio or through dispatch: