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Dear Providers,

You are receiving standardized STEMI protocols as a part of Mission: *Lifeline* Montana's effort to improve STEMI patient outcomes.

These protocols have been vetted and agreed upon by all of the cardiac interventional hospitals in the state. You can feel confident in initiating care utilizing these protocols as a patient enters your facility. You do not need to wait to execute these orders until you seek a cardiology consult, you are encouraged to start care as soon as possible.

These protocols are based on the latest ACC/AHA guidelines. If you are greater than 50 miles from a PCI capable hospital or unable to get a STEMI patient from First Medical Contact to PCI within the recommended 120 minutes, you are receiving a STEMI protocol reflecting only a thrombolytic option. The goal is that thrombolytic therapy is administered within 30 minutes of the patient entering your facility.

Please feel free to adapt this protocol into your work flow in whatever form you need. We are providing an editable document in the event you prefer a different format. While changing format is permitted we recommend that you make no content changes to the protocol.

If you would like a physician or representative from your PCI receiving center to provide more information or education regarding the STEMI protocol, please contact Joani Hope at Joani.hope@heart.org or by phone at 406-671-1640.

Sincerely,

Joani Hope, Director, Mission: *Lifeline* Montana