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To: MCEMS Providers
Subject: Administration of Acetaminophen
Purpose: Operational

The State EMS Office has yet to approve adding acetaminophen to the Milwaukee County EMS formulary. The acetaminophen will not be distributed until the State approves this change. The Sepsis Syndrome protocol now has only a blank yellow box where the acetaminophen order and dosing were initially documented. A Code Sepsis Alert should still be issued for patients who meet 2 or more of the following systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS) criteria:

- Temp 100.9 °F (38.3 °C) or higher **OR** 96.8 °F (36 °C) or lower
- Heart rate over 90
- Respiratory rate over 20 or EtCO₂ less than 32 mm Hg
- SBP at or below 90 mm Hg or other sign of poor perfusion (CRT over 2 seconds, mottled or pale skin, confusion)

A numbered notice will be distributed when/if approval for administration of acetaminophen is granted. The acetaminophen will be distributed at that time.