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To: All Regional ALS Service Medical Directors

**Re: Paramedics and the NYS Protocol Aspirin Update
(Deadline 7/1/2007)**

Dear colleagues,

At the Westchester Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) meeting on June 18, 2007, a discussion was held regarding the progress of regional EMS agencies and providers in completing the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) roll-out of a revision to the statewide Basic Life Support (BLS) protocols affecting both EMTs and Advanced EMTs.

It was noted by the members present that while the NYSDOH protocol amendment constitutes a modification to the base level of care delivered by EMS agencies, those providers who are Advanced Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics (AEMT-P) have already received the curriculum material being mandated in the update by virtue of their NYSDOH certification. Also, AEMT-Ps who are credentialed by the Westchester REMAC and are working for regional Advanced Life Support (ALS) services are already administering aspirin in their own regional protocol for cardiac care, "*Protocol 18: Suspected Myocardial Infarction.*" Based upon this discussion, the REMAC voted to amend the update requirements for all regional ALS services in relation to credentialed AEMT-Ps.

Therefore, as per the Westchester REMAC, regional ALS agencies may complete the following process to complete the NYSDOH aspirin update for AEMT-Ps:

- ***All AEMT-Ps employed / volunteering for their service as an AEMT-P are given a copy of the new NYSDOH BLS Protocol M-5: Adult Cardiac Related Problem***
- ***All AEMT-Ps employed / volunteering for their service as an AEMT-P sign an affirmation (see attached) that states that they have read and understand the changes relative to BLS administration of aspirin.***

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Of course each Service Medical Director may impose additional requirements as he or she sees fit, including, but not limited to: a full review course of the NYSDOH EMT-B Original Curriculum *Module 4-3: Cardiac Emergencies*, a written exam and a practical exam.



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It should be stressed to the individual providers that this material may appear on any NYSDOH certification exam since AEMT tests include a section based on the EMT-Basic (EMT-B) curriculum and protocols. Also, the update process outlined by the NYSDOH must still be followed for all EMT-B and Advanced EMT-Intermediate (AEMT-I) personnel, as well as any AEMT-Ps who are not credentialed by the REMAC and are therefore practicing in the field at the basic level.

You are reminded that AEMT-P affirmation documentation and EMT update training processes must be completed before aspirin can be put into service at an agency for BLS administration. Per the NYSDOH, the deadline for aspirin to be placed into service for BLS administration by every certified EMS agency in the state is still **July 1, 2007**.

If you have any additional questions regarding this update process, please contact Katherine O'Connor in the Westchester Regional EMS Office at 914-231-1616 or koc1@westchestergov.com.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in ensuring the successful completion of this update across our system.

Respectfully,

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Westchester Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
2007 EMT Administration of Aspirin Update – AEMT-P Waiver
(For Regional ALS Services ONLY)

Please Type or Print Legibly.

Last Name _____ **First Name** _____ **M.I.** _____
NYS EMT # _____
Address _____
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____ **Email** _____

ALS Agency Name* _____ **Agency Code** _____
Service Medical Director _____ **NYS Lic #** _____

(* Note: Westchester REMAC Authorized ALS Agency)

The above named provider affirms that:

- ▶ I am credentialed as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic (AEMT-P) by the Westchester REMAC
- ▶ I work / volunteer as an AEMT-P for the above named Westchester REMAC authorized ALS agency
- ▶ I have been given a copy of the new NYSDOH BLS Protocol M-5: Adult Cardiac Related Problems by my agency
- ▶ I have read and understand the changes relative to the administration of aspirin by BLS providers as per the NYSDOH BLS protocols for EMTs / AEMTs.
- ▶ I understand that this material may appear on any NYSDOH certification exam since AEMT tests include a section based on the EMT-Basic (EMT-B) curriculum and protocols and I am responsible for .

Signature of AEMT-P _____
Date

As Service Medical Director of the above named agency, I recognize that the above named individual has already received training equal to or higher than the amended NYSDOH EMT-B original curriculum module 4-3, "Cardiac Emergencies"(January 2007), and is currently credentialed by the Westchester REMAC to administer aspirin per the Westchester Regional Paramedic Protocols. As such, he/she is released from completing an update training/testing module on this subject for this agency.

This waiver in no way removes my ability to require future training and/ or testing related to this subject.

Signature of Service Medical Director _____
Date

Regional Office Note: This affirmation/waiver must be retained in the provider's personnel file at the ALS agency and made available on demand for inspection by the NYSDOH Bureau of EMS and/or Westchester REMAC. A copy does not have to be sent to the Regional EMS Office.