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## **To: All Regional Paramedic Agencies**

Attached please find the revised sections of the Westchester Regional Paramedic Protocols affected by the updated American Heart Association (AHA) Guidelines issued in late 2005. These amended protocols were approved by the Westchester Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC) at its November meeting and submitted to the State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC) at its December meeting. These protocols are being put into effect **IMMEDIATELY** as of this notification.

All ALS services will be required to report that their Westchester REMAC credentialed Paramedics have been updated to both the new guidelines as well as in-serviced to the amended protocols. An affirmation statement has been provided with this letter for this purpose. Also, a frequently asked questions (FAQs) page has been included regarding what type of training and documentation is required for this update. Please note that completion of an AHA ACLS and PALS program after July 1, 2006 will only provide proof of training to the new algorithms, not the protocols.

***The Westchester REMAC deadline to have all credentialed Paramedics trained in the 2005 AHA ALS algorithms and in-serviced to the new Paramedic protocols is MARCH 31, 2008.***

All materials related to the Paramedic Protocols update will be posted on the Westchester Regional EMS website, [www.wremsco.org](http://www.wremsco.org), in the REMAC section under "Protocols."

If there are any questions regarding this update, please contact the Westchester Regional EMS Office at 914-231-1616.

Respectfully,

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