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To: All Regional ALS Agencies
Re: IMPORTANT REMINDER

In December 2007, all ALS agencies were provided copies of the revised sections of the Westchester Regional Paramedic Protocols affected by the updated American Heart Association (AHA) Guidelines issued in late 2005. All ALS agencies were notified that the amended protocols approved by the Westchester Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC) were being put into effect **IMMEDIATELY**.

At that time, all ALS agencies were advised that they would 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. Documentation to complete this process, as well as a frequently asked questions (FAQs) page, was included regarding what type of training and documentation would be required for this update.

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. Please note that the Westchester REMAC has determined that testing of paramedics to the protocols specifically is at the discretion of each Service Medical Director.

All materials related to the Paramedic Protocols update are posted on the Westchester Regional EMS website, www.wremsco.org, in the REMAC section under "Protocols/Policies/Advisories."

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

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Respectfully,

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