

	<p>WESTCHESTER REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL</p> <p>POLICY STATEMENT</p> <p><i>Supersedes/Updates: NEW</i> <i>Amended: May 2022</i></p>	<p>No. 07-02 Date: 5/24/2007 Re: REMSCO Code of Ethics Pg(s): 2</p>
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SECTION 1: CODE OF ETHICS

Members of the Westchester Regional EMS Council and its Sub-Committees shall comply with Section 74 (Code of Ethics) of the New York Public Officers Law. No members of the Council / Committee should have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or engage in any business or transaction or professional activity or incur any obligation of any nature, which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties as a member. Members should exercise their duties and responsibilities as Council/Committee members in the public interest of the inhabitants of the State, regardless of their affiliation with, or relationship to, any facility, agency or program, category of provider, or interest group. The principles, which should guide the conduct of Council / Committee members include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A)** A Council / Committee member should endeavor to pursue a course of conduct which will not raise suspicion among the public that he or she is likely to be engaged in acts that are in violation of his or her trust as a Council / Committee member.
- B)** No Council / Committee member should permit his or her employment to impair his or her independence of judgment in the exercise of his or her duties as a Council / Committee member.
- C)** No Council / Committee member should disclose confidential information acquired by him or her in the course of his or her duties as a Council / Committee member or, by reason of his or her position as a Council / Committee member, use such information to further his or her personal interest.
- D)** No Council member should use or attempt to use his or her position as a Council / Committee member to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or herself or others.
- E)** No Council / Committee member should engage in any transaction as a representative or agent of the State with any business entity in which he or she has direct or indirect financial interest that might reasonably tend to conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties as a Council / Committee member.
- F)** A Council / Committee member should refrain from making personal investments in enterprises which he or she has reason to believe may be directly involved in decisions to be made by him or her as a Council / Committee member or which will otherwise create substantial conflict between his or her duty as a Council / Committee member to act in the public interest and his or her private interest.

SECTION 2: REPORTING OF POTENTIAL ETHICAL VIOLATIONS

- A)** Potential violations of the Code of Ethics may be reported by any REMSCO member by submitting a complaint in writing to the chairperson.
- B)** The chairperson will convene the Executive Committee to research the complaint and make a recommendation for action to the full council.
- C)** During these deliberations, the member in question will be given the opportunity to rebut the complaint both in writing and before the Executive Committee, observing the time limits in Membership Policy 15-01 section H
- D)** If the complaint is sustained, the Executive Committee will issue a recommendation for a verbal warning, written censure, or dismissal from the Council, in accordance with the procedures of REMSCO Membership Policy 15-01, Section H.
- E)** The recommendation of the executive committee will be brought to the full council at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- F)** The Council will then deliberate the recommendation and vote to sustain or modify the Executive Committee's decision.
- G)** A council member who is the subject of the complaint may participate in the discussion at the full Council meeting, but will be excluded from voting.