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To: All Regional EMS Service Medical Directors

Re: NYS Protocol Update - EMT Administration of Aspirin (Deadline 7/1/2007)

Dear colleagues,

As I advised you earlier this year, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) rolled out a revision to the statewide Basic Life Support (BLS) protocols affecting both EMTs and Advanced EMTs. This update adds aspirin administration to the algorithm for cardiac related problems consistent with the recommendations of the American Heart Association (AHA). Since this amendment constitutes a modification to the base level of care delivered by EMS agencies, you as a Service Medical Director are directly impacted by this change in scope of practice of the providers working under your medical license.

The in-servicing of all EMT personnel must be completed as per the process outlined by the NYSDOH and aspirin put into service on all ambulances by **July 1, 2007**. **Organizations that fail to complete this process will be considered in violation of basic standards of care for certified EMS agencies in NYS.** EMS Executive Officers are being counseled to remove from their rosters EMTs and AEMTs who fail to complete the update with their agencies by the deadline established by the state. To ensure that Westchester Regional agencies are completing the process, I am requesting that each Service Medical Director submit a letter to the Westchester Regional EMS Office affirming to the completion of the update for every certified EMS agency under their license. A sample affirmation has been attached for your convenience.

If an agency under your direction still has not addressed this update, materials related to the rollout are still available on the Westchester Regional EMS website, www.wremsco.org. If you have any additional questions regarding this update process or are unable to download the posted materials, 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 Affirmation
(Certified EMS Services ONLY)**

Please type or print legibly.

Medical Director _____

Medical Director Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

MD Phone () _____ **MD Fax** () _____

Agency Name _____

Agency Code _____

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Contact Name _____ **Title** _____

Agency Phone () _____ **Agency Fax** () _____

The Service Medical Director affirms that this certified EMS agency has completed the following NYSDOH established update process:

- ▶ All EMTs / AEMTs have completed a Service Medical Director approved didactic review of the **NYSDOH EMT-B original curriculum module 4-3, "Cardiac Emergencies"**
- ▶ All EMTs / AEMTs have successfully passed a Service Medical Director approved written evaluation tool and the NYSDOH practical evaluation station demonstrating their understanding of the new material and ability to put it into practice.
- ▶ The agency has on file for inspection on demand by the NYSDOH and/or the Westchester REMAC:
 - Sign-in and sign-out attendance records for all training sessions.
 - Copies of all educational materials used for the purpose of this training.(i.e. presentation material, handouts, etc)
 - Copies of all written evaluation tools used for each provider who completed the training.
 - Copies of all practical evaluation tools used for each provider who completed the training.
 - Documentation of any remediation as needed
- ▶ Policies and procedures regarding the inventory control / monitoring (expiration dates), use and replacement of aspirin have been developed with the Service Medical Director. Storage of the aspirin will be in a manner consistent with **NYS Policy Statement 00-15: Storage and safe guarding of medications administered by EMT-Bs**, or any subsequent policy.

Both the Service Medical Director and the Chief Executive EMS Officer of the above agency understand use of aspirin by EMTs must be consistent with any protocols and policies established by the NYSDOH and Westchester REMAC. Any deviation from these protocols and policies must be immediately reported to the Service Medical Director and the Regional Medical Director

EMTs who have not completed the NYSDOH update process as stated, or received the material in a official NYS certification course, by the July 1st deadline will not be allowed to provide care until such time as they meet all requirements.

Signature of Service Medical Director Date Signature of Chief Executive EMS Officer Date

To be completed by the Regional Office

Received By/ Date _____