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To: EMS Agencies
Agency Medical Directors
Medical Command Physicians
County EMS Coordinators

From: Martin C. Masarech, MD
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Re: Clarification of Medical Direction and ALS Supervision within individual Agencies

It has been brought to the attention of the SREMS REMAC that there is a misunderstanding of the relationships between Agency Medical Directors and Agency Management.

EMS Service (Agency) Medical Directors for EMS Agencies with Operating Authority is the SREMS Region is defined in DOH Policy 09-10:

An EMS Service Medical Director shall mean a physician, licensed by New York State and approved by the local REMAC with whom the agency has a professional relationship.

The EMS Service Medical Director shall be the final authority on all policies, procedures and protocols of the EMS agency and the providers of that agency. Specifically this applies to NYS DOH certified (see certification number on current DOH issued card) and credentialed (see TEK number on current Regionally Issued ID tag) AEMT's as defined in the SREMS Medical Control Plan.

ALS Supervisors

ALS supervisors are an agency level appointed officer position. This roll may be held by any member of the Agency agreed upon by Management and the Service Medical Director. A person with the Officer title of "ALS Supervisor" is not a required by the Public Health Law or NYS DOH policy. This Officer title can be found in the Regional Medical Control Plan under the credentialing process. The title "ALS Supervisor" is not defined in the Medical Control Plan so as to require the position title be held within an EMS Agency. Any Officer (EMS Captain, Lieutenant, Supervisor, Sergeant, Best Boy etc) of the agency as defined by Management and the Service Medical Director regardless of title, may fulfill the duties of the "ALS supervisor" as it relates to administering the Agency side of the REMAC AEMT Credentialing process and other duties as defined by the Service Medical Director.