

Westchester Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee



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To: Westchester REMSCO, EMS Advisory Board, and EMS Agency Medical Directors

At the last meeting of the Westchester Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) on September 20, 2010, the determination was made to request commentary on a proposed new policy regarding regional EMS resource utilization (see attached).

This policy has been prepared by the Operations Subcommittee of the Regional EMS Council and is intended to provide guidance to dispatch centers and EMS agencies on appropriate coordination of regional EMS resources. With the ultimate goal being to maximize EMS unit availability and minimize transport delays, this policy calls for the following system modifications:

- All EMS dispatch centers will be encouraged to utilize Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) programs and Advanced Life Support (ALS) agencies will be required to be dispatched by EMD centers.
- EMS agencies and dispatch centers will be urged to establish procedures for confirming unit response availability.
- A dispatch to response time interval goal of 3 minutes will be established and integrated into the regional quality improvement process.
- Regional ALS utilization criteria will be established to help determine when simultaneous dispatch of BLS first response and ALS units are appropriate.

For your review, attached is a copy of the proposed policy and a brief presentation that highlights some of the key elements found in the policy. It is anticipated that this policy will be considered by REMAC at the next meeting scheduled for November 15, 2010. Written comments in this regard may be directed to the Regional EMS Office and must be received no later than **Wednesday, November 10, 2010**.

Thank you in advance for your input and collaboration. Should you have any questions in this regard, please contact the Westchester Regional EMS Office at 914-231-1616.

Respectfully,

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