

To: All WREMAC hospitals, REMSCO's, County EMS Coordinators, EMS Agencies & Providers

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RE: Transitioning of Intermediate Agencies & Providers

As you are aware, in June of 2012 the New York State Bureau of EMS (BEMS) made the decision to transition to the National EMS Educational Standards. In doing so, the NYS AEMT-Intermediate (AEMT-I) level of care has been moved up to the national AEMT scope of practice. Per BEMS policies and notifications, all currently certified AEMT-Intermediate providers must be certified under the new standards by **June 30, 2015**.

With this advancement to the national AEMT scope of practice, agencies that utilize the current NYS AEMT-I level will need to make one of the following decisions:

1. Advance to the new AEMT scope of practice.
2. Move to either Critical Care or Paramedic level.
3. Move to EMT level and no longer provide advance life support.

Due to this BEMS policy, the AEMT-I level of care will be removed from the WREMAC protocols as of June 30, 2015. Any provider with a valid NYS AEMT-I after that date may only practice up to the EMT (basic) level of care. An agency currently certified at the AEMT-Intermediate level must also submit a level of care change to move up to one of the Advanced Life Support (ALS) levels or down to the BLS level as outlined above by that date. Any agency certified at the NYS AEMT-I level who has not yet made a level of care change will be dropped to the BLS level as of July 1, 2015. However, they will still be required to file the level of care change in accordance with current NYS and WREMAC policies.