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To: NYS REMACs
From: Bureau of EMS
Re: Intermediate Agencies

As you may know, New York State is transitioning to the new National EMS Educational Standards. This change will impact the AEMT-Intermediate (AEMT-I) level providers.

As the education standards are enacted, the NYS AEMT-I will be moved up to the national AEMT scope of practice. The new NYS AEMT will have increased knowledge, provide more advanced care and several emergent medications. The NYS Critical Care level will not be changing at this time. All current NYS AEMT-I providers must meet the new scope of practice by **June 30, 2014**. The NYS Written Certification Examinations will be based on the new AEMT scope of practice beginning in **May of 2013**.

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.

Each REMAC will need to contact to the agencies in their region that utilize the current NYS AEMT-I level to ascertain how the agency will proceed. BEMS will need to be notified by the individual agencies if they choose to change the level of care they provide.

Additional information pertaining to specific scope of practice and educational changes can be found on our web site at: <http://www.health.ny.gov/nysdoh/ems/main.htm> and clicking on "Transitioning to the National Educational Standards" under Education.

Sincerely,



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