

# Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

<b>Title: On- Scene Licensed Health Care Professional</b>		<b>Policy #2004-2</b>
<b>Effective Date:</b> 05/19/2004		<b>Updated:</b> 03/15/2017
<b>Reviewed:</b>		
<b>Policy:</b>	<p>The direction of Prehospital care at the scene of a medical emergency should be the responsibility of the individual in attendance who is most appropriately trained and knowledgeable in providing prehospital emergency stabilization and transport. The EMS provider is responsible for management of the patient and acts as an agent of New York State Department of Health (DOH) and his/her Medical Director.</p> <p>Criteria for on-scene licensed healthcare professional (MD, DO, PA, NP) to take over (must meet all)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be currently licensed in New York State</li> <li>- Assume all responsibility for the patient’s care</li> <li>- Realize that EMS providers will not comply with orders that exceed their scope of practice</li> <li>- Must Accompany the patient to the hospital if requested or needed</li> </ul>	
<b>Procedure:</b>	<p>If Medical Control is not available (i.e. Communication Failure)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The EMS Provider should defer to the orders of the on-scene licensed healthcare professional if conditions 1-4 above are met. If not met, the EMS provider must follow existing EMS protocols</li> </ul> <p>If Medical Control is AVAILABLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical Control is ultimately responsible for the actions of the EMS provider and shall be contacted. If there is any disagreement between the on-scene licensed health care professional and MC, the EMS provider shall take orders from MC and place the on-scene licensed health care professional in contact with MC. MC has the option of managing the case entirely, working with the on-scene licensed health care professional, or allowing the on-scene licensed health care professional to assume responsibility. The EMS provider and MC may re-establish on line medical direction if either believes that the care rendered by the on-scene licensed healthcare professional is inconstant with quality care. The decision of the on-scene licensed healthcare professional to accompany the patient to the hospital shall be made in consultation with MC</li> <li>- The on-scene licensed healthcare professional shall document his/her interventions and orders in a manner acceptable to the local EMS system.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reference:</b>	2015 WREMAC Protocols – On-Scene Physician Policy	