

Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

Title: Medical Direction Application Policy	Effective Date: September 1995 Page: 1 of 3
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Policy:	<p>It is the policy of the WREMAC that all NYS DOH certified agencies (transport services or advanced life support first response services) and any agency that wishes to provide defibrillation (except those who file Public Access Defibrillation paperwork) shall have a completed medical direction application on file with the WREMAC. There are also two special circumstances in which the NYS DOH requires that an agency have medical direction, but the WREMAC does not require a completed Medical Direction Application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ All entities authorized to provide Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) under § 3000-b of Public Health Law (PHL) shall have an Emergency Health Care Provider (EHCP). <i>This is accomplished by filling out DOH – 4135 (Notice of Intent to Provide Public Access Defibrillation) and not by a Medical Direction Application.</i> ▶ All entities authorized to provide Epinephrine Auto Injectors (epi-pen) under § 3000-c of Public Health Law (PHL) must have an Emergency Health Care Provider (EHCP). <i>This is accomplished by filling out DOH – 4188 (Notice of Intent to Possess and Use Epinephrine Auto Injector) and not by a Medical Direction Application.</i>
Procedure:	<p>There are multiple types and levels of EMS services within the region. It is very important to categorize these so that proper medical direction is obtained and proper certification is granted from the NYS DOH, as necessary. The various types of services are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ BLSFR (Basic Life Support First Response) Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ These services are not NYS DOH certified agencies ▪ Non-transporting ▪ No Medical Direction Application is required ▪ No Certificate of Need process is required ▪ May provide defibrillation services by requesting WREMAC approval OR by filing Public Access Defibrillation paperwork (PAD paperwork highly recommended so that non-NYS certified personnel may operate AEDs) ▪ If a BLSFR service wishes to upgrade its level of care to an ALS status (I, CC, or P) it is necessary to complete a Certificate of Need process as per an ALSFR service

▶ **Transport (Ambulance) Service**

- These services are NYS DOH certified and are regulated as such
- A Medical Direction Application is necessary
- A Certificate of Need is necessary for initial certification by the NYS DOH
- May provide defibrillation services
- Levels vary
 - B – Basic
 - I – Intermediate
 - CC – Critical Care
 - P – Paramedic
- Level of care paperwork must be filled out if a level change is requested

▶ **ALSFR (Advanced Life Support Fire Response) Service**

- These services are NYS DOH certified and are regulated as such
- A Medical Direction Application is necessary
- A Certificate of Need is necessary for initial certification by the NYS DOH
- May provide defibrillation services
- Levels Vary
 - I – Intermediate
 - CC – Critical Care
 - P – Paramedic
- Level of care paperwork must be filled out if a level change is requested
 - Level of care may change as long as an ALS status is maintained
 - If an ALSFR service wishes to downgrade to a BLSFR status, it must surrender its NYS DOH Operating Certificate

To obtain a Medical Direction Application:

1. The agency will contact the appropriate program agency for information.
2. The program agency will discuss regional and state guidelines as well as offer assistance in the application process.
3. If a Certificate of Need is necessary, appropriate notifications will be made.
4. The completed application will be returned to the WREMAC secretary..
5. When approved by the WREMAC, the WREMAC secretary will provide a copy of the medical direction agreement to the appropriate Program Agency for presentation to the REMSCO for information

	<p>only.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. The approved application will be kept on file with the WREMAC secretary, at the appropriate program agency office and the EMS service.7. The Medical Direction Application Packet will be updated as needed.8. All necessary forms can be found on the WREMAC web site.
Reference:	NYS DOH Bureau of EMS Policy Statements 93-10 (EMS Service Operating Authority Approvals), 95-03 (ALSFR Service Requirements), 06-04 (BLSFR Service Guidelines), 03-01 (Ambulance and ALSFR Service Certificates)