

WESTCHESTER REGIONAL

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

POLICY STATEMENT

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No. 07-01 **Date:** 5/24/2007

Re: Emergency Ambulance Restocking

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SCOPE:

In accordance with the Federal Anti-Kickback Statue "Safe Harbor" the following Emergency Ambulance Restocking Policy shall be in effect within the Westchester EMS Region. The program has been developed following the opinion of the United States Office of the Inspector General (OIG)¹. This program pertains to all New York State certified emergency ambulances² and the approved 911 receiving hospitals operating in the Westchester Region / County (see **Appendix A**). It does not apply to intra-facility or contracted non-emergency ambulance transports. The Anti-kickback Statute³ makes it a criminal offense to knowingly and willingly offer to pay, solicit or receive any remuneration to induce referrals of items or services reimbursable by the Federal Health Care Program.

PURPOSE:

To provide a means of maintaining essential emergency medical supplies on emergency ambulances through a one-for-one exchange system with area hospital emergency departments and hospital pharmacies.

POLICY ELEMENTS:

- 1. Hospitals will exchange, on a one-for-one basis, certain supplies and pharmaceuticals used by participating EMS agencies on patients transported to the hospital.
 - a. Basic supplies are shown on the attached **Appendix B**. Hospitals will exchange designated supplies with all EMS agency ambulances on a one for-one (one item used, one replacement item provided) basis.
 - b. The Westchester Regional Medical Advisory Committee "ALS Treatment Protocol Formulary" designates pharmaceuticals and related ALS supplies. Hospitals will exchange designated medications with all ALS EMS agency ambulances on a one-for-one (used item exchanged for sealed, prepared box) basis. The only exception to this will be those substances under the jurisdiction of the NYS DOH Bureau of Controlled Substances (BCS). Those controlled substances will be replaced as per each agency's Part 80 Plan.
 - c. This exchange policy also applies where an agency might expend exchangeable supplies and/or pharmaceuticals on emergency calls not resulting in patient transport by that agency (e.g., helicopter transport after initial treatment by ground ambulance crew). In such cases, participating hospitals will exchange in the same manner as when a patient is delivered by the agency.
- 2. For the purposes of documenting exchanged equipment, ambulance personnel may utilize either:
 - a. The Westchester Regional Emergency Medical Services Council's Ambulance Restock Inventory Form (see attached); or

- b. A NYS DOH Patient Care Report (PCR) Continuation Form; or
- c. An agency generated acceptable alternative exchange documentation form
- 3. The exchange documentation shall be kept by the EMS Agency with the Agency's copy of the NYS DOH PCR and/or approved alternative patient care record. A copy of the exchange documentation shall be given to the Emergency Department to be included with the PCR in the hospital record.
- 4. The Westchester Regional Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) will conduct program evaluation, revisions and updates on an annual basis.
- 5. All 911 receiving hospitals shall post conspicuous documentation that they participate in the Westchester Regional EMS Emergency Ambulance Restock Program.

Notes:

The restocking arrangement must not take the volume or value of patient referrals into account, or other business generated between the partner;

Under no circumstances may both the hospital and the ambulance provider bill for the replenished items;

All parties must otherwise comply with all applicable Federal health care program payment and coverage requirements;

- 1. Antikickback Statute Safe Harbor Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General 42 CFR Part 1001.952 42 U.S.C. 1320a 7b (b), 1128 B (b).
- 2. Emergency Ambulance ambulance that responds to emergencies on the average of three times per week. (This excludes designated transport ambulances).
- 3. Anti-kickback Statute Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General 952 42 U.S.C. 1320a 7b (b), 1128 B(b).

Hospital	Address	City	Zip	ER#	ER Fax #
Montefiore Mt. Vernon Hospital	12 N 7th Ave.	Mt Vernon	10550	914-361-6040	914-699-1865
Montefiore New Rochelle Hospital	16 Guion Pl	New Rochelle	10801	914-632-3770	914-576-4055
New York Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital Center	1980 Crompond Rd.	Cortlandt Manor	10567	914-734-3300	914-734-3398
New York-Presbyterian Westchester	55 Palmer Ave.	Bronxville	10708	914-787-1035	914-787-5068
Northern Westchester Hospital/Northwell Health	400 E Main St.	Mt Kisco	10549	914-666-1254	914-699-1268
Phelps Hospital/Northwell Health	701 N Broadway	Sleepy Hollow	10951	914-366-3590	914-366-1554
St John;s Riverside Hospital Dobbs Ferry Pavilion	128 Ashford Ave.	Dobbs Ferry	10522	914-693-5187	914-479-0867
St. John's Riverside Hospital	967 N Broadway	Yonkers	10701	914-964-4349	914-964-4802
St. Joseph's Medical Center	127 S Broadway	Yonkers	10701	914-378-7471	914-378-7240
Westchester Medical Center	Grasslands Rd.	Valhalla	10595	914-493-7307	914-493-8298
White Plains Medical Center	Davis Ave. & E Post Rd.	White Plains	10601	914-681-1155	914-681-2912

Appendix B: Ambulance Supply List

Airway	Adult/pediatric nasal cannula Adult/pediatric non-rebreather masks Endotracheal tubes, various sizes Endotracheal tube stylet Adult/Pediatric/Infant Disposable bag-valve-mask Flexible suction catheters, various sizes Suction tubing Rigid suction catheter Mini Nebulizer Oxygen Tubing	
Cardiac Monitoring	EKG electrodes, adult and pediatric EKG defibrillation gel	
Intravenous Therapy/ Phlebotomy	Alcohol pads Angio catheters, assorted gauges Betadine swabs Blood collection tubes Blood tube holders Intraosseous needles IV administration set, micro/macro drip sizes Luer adapters Needles, assorted gauges/lengths Occlusive dressings for IV site Saline locks Syringes, assorted sizes	
Irrigation	1000cc sterile saline 500cc sterile saline	
Linens	Blankets Bath Blankets Sheets Pillowcases	
Bandaging	Bandaids Dressings, trauma, 4X4, other assorted Roller bandage (Kling-type), assorted sizes Triangular bandages Tape, assorted sizes	
Miscellaneous	Bedpans Disposable razors Emesis Basins Urinals	

Notes:

- This list does not suggest specific brands or manufacturers. Selection of brands and manufacturers will be the prerogative of the hospitals.
- Pharmaceuticals and related supplies are listed on the Westchester Regional Medical Advisory Committee "ALS Treatment Protocols" formulary.

Westchester Regional EMS Council, Inc. Emergency Ambulance Restock Inventory Form Rec Category Category Electrodes Activated Charcoal 100Gm IV Supplies Alcohol Pad Adenosine 6mg/2cc vial IV Supplies Betadine Swab / Pad Rx Albuterol 2.5mg/3cc NS IV Supplies Blood Tubes: Blue Rx Amiodarone 150mg/3ml D5W IV Supplies Aspirin 81mg/ per tab Blood Tubes: Green Rx IV Supplies Blood Tubes: Lavender Rx Atropine Sulfate 1mg/10cc IV Supplies Blood Tubes: Red Rx Bumex .25mg/ml IV Supplies Blood Tubes: Tiger (Red/Black) Calcium Chloride 1G/10cc Rx IV Supplies Infusion Set: Saline Lock Rx Dextrose 25% 250mg/cc 10cc Infusion Set:10gtts/cc or 15gtts/cc Rx Dextrose 50% 25Gm/50cc IV Supplies Infusion Set:60gtts/cc Rx Diltiazem 25mg IV Supplies IV Cath:14g Rx Diphenhydramine 50mg/cc Epinephrine 1:10,000 1mg/10cc IV Cath:16g Rx IV Supplies IV Cath:18g Rx Epinephrine 1:1000 1mg/1cc Rx IV Supplies IV Cath:20g Epinephrine 1:1000 30cc IV Cath:22g Rx Furosemide 100mg/10cc IV Supplies IV Cath:24g Rx Glucogan 1mg/cc IV Solution: NS 0.9%:1000cc Rx IV Supplies Ipratropium 1mg IV Supplies IV Solution: NS 0.9%:100cc Rx Labetolol 100mg IV Supplies IV Solution: NS 0.9%:10cc Rx Lidocaine 2% 100mg/5cc Rx IV Supplies IV Solution: NS 0.9%:250cc Lidocaine 20% 2Gm IV Supplies IV Solution: NS 0.9%:500cc Rx Magnesium Sulfate 5Gm/10cc IV Supplies IV Solution: NS 0.9%:50cc Rx Metaproterenol 0.3cc/3cc IV Supplies Ry Methylprednisolone 125mg Luer Adapter IV Supplies Occlusive dressings for IV site Rx Naloxone 2mg/10cc IV Supplies Sharp Container Size: Rx Nitroglycerin 0.4mg Nitroglycerin Oinment 30Gm IV Supplies Tourniquet Rx IV Supplies Vaccutainer Rx Oxytocin 10units/1cc 18g Sodium Bicarb 50meg/50cc Needles Rx Needles 21g Rx Terbutaline 1mg/1cc Needles 25g Rx Tetracaine drops 1/2% Butterfly 21 Rx Needles Thiamine 100mg/cc Verapamil 10mg/2cc Needles Butterfly 25 Rx Syringes: 1 cc Other Syringes Other Syringes Syringes: 3 cc Syringes: 5 cc Other Syringes Syringes: 10 cc Other Svrinaes BVM:Adult Resp. Syringes Syringes: 20 cc Resp. BVM:Infant Syringes Syringes: 30 cc Resp. BVM:Pediatric Bags: Red / Hazardous Waste Easy Cap ETCo2:Adult MISC Bags: Zip Lock / Specimen Resp. Resp. Easy Cap ETCo2:Pediatric MISC Bandage, Rolled (Kling) - Size: MISC Resp. ETT - Size: Bandaids MISC Resp. Nasal Cannula:Adult Chuxes Resp. Nasal Cannula:Pediatric MISC Dressing, Gauze - Size Resp. MISC Nebulizer Dressing, Trauma - Size: MISC Resp NRFM:Adult Linens (sheets, pillow) Resp. NRFM:Pediatric MISC Medical Exam Gloves Resp. MISC OPA - Size: Tape - Size: Resp. Stylet:Adult MISC Towels Resp. Stylet:Peds MISC Triangular Bandages Suction Catheters - Size: Resn. Tubing, Suction / Oxygen Date Hospital Time Hospital ID PCR# Agency Patient Agency ID DOB EMT EMT#

NOTE: Copy of form should be attached to both WHITE and PINK PCR copies for agency and hospital records.

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