



Westchester REMAC

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The Westchester REMAC affirms that per the Prescribed Medication Protocol, a paramedic may administer an IV medication (up to 3 doses) that has been prescribed by a provider as long as there is approval from a regionally credentialed online medical control physician. As per the Collaborative Protocols:

Approval of assisted medication administration within the scope of practice for administration route of an EMS provider as needed.

This protocol is designed to assure that the EMS provider and medical control provider is best prepared to assist patients with ongoing disease processes that are not covered by these protocols, and who have already been given therapy by their prescribers.

This protocol specifically states it is an emergency medication. Our interpretation is that an emergency medication is a medication if not administered would require an unscheduled transport to the emergency department.

From a safety perspective, we recommend that the OLMC be the agency medical director or their designee. We also recommend the agency have a method to validate that this is a valid prescription. We recommend that the agency trains their paramedics on any medication that they anticipate they may be administering.

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