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#### REMAC ADVISORY 2009-04

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Re: Required Equipment on Ambulances:  
- Defibrillators  
- Epinephrine Autoinjectors

Effective Date: July 1, 2010

Background: Prehospital emergency care has advanced beyond the scope of some current regulations in New York State. Defibrillation is a standard element of emergency cardiac care. Treatment of anaphylaxis with intramuscular epinephrine is also a well-established practice. Both of these interventions are cornerstones of basic life support care and should be present for any patient contact in the Region.

Action: The REMO Medical Advisory Committee has voted to require that all in-service ambulances must have:

- Equipment appropriate to defibrillate patients of all age groups
- Epinephrine autoinjector, unless otherwise available through ALS modalities

Because of the need to equip ambulances and train providers, this requirement is in effect as of 7/1/10. Please let REMO know if your agency is having trouble securing a physician medical director or EHCP for the epinephrine autoinjector program.