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Re: Advanced level practice and procedures

This advisory is to assure that our ALS providers are not giving themselves additional liability as a result of attempting to assist with patient care and good intent. Many providers remember when there was an “ALS Key” that all paramedics carried. This was designed to allow a regional approach to care. Unfortunately this approach to coverage does not exist in the Region, is not authorized under Article 30 and does not offer protection from liability.

The Regional Medical Advisory Committee is empowered under PHL Article 30 to credential advanced level providers; however neither REMO nor the REMAC provide insurance coverage or protection for individuals. Advanced practice providers in the REMO system must provide advanced care only while practicing for an agency, either as part of a primary response or as part of a mutual aid response.

- ALS providers only have authorization to practice when doing so as part of an NYS Certified ALS service.
- Providers who are not on-line with the agency caring for a patient are not credentialed to perform advanced procedures unless doing so as a mutual aid provider that is a NYS Certified ALS service.
- Having a non-agency provider practice ALS skills on a patient is allowing them to practice outside of NYS regulations and the REMO standards of practice. This leaves the treating agency, the assisting provider exposed to liability.
- If emergent credentialing is required for an MCI or disaster, it must be done by a member of the REMAC authorizing the credentialing through a specific ALS agency.