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\*\*\*\*\*Memorandum\*\*\*\*\*

To: All REMO EMS Agencies

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Topic: Destination Hospitals

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EMS providers must take a patient to the destination hospital of their choice, unless agency policy or NYS Protocol precludes this. Currently in the Region, specific destination facilities exist only for Trauma, and not for Stroke or Cardiac Disease.

Trauma: NYS BLS Trauma Protocol requires that patients who meet physiologic criteria should be transported to a Trauma Center. The Regional Trauma Center is Albany Medical Center.

Stroke: NYS BLS Stroke Protocol requires that all patients who meet criteria be transported to a New York State Department of Health Designated Stroke Center. Currently there are no NYS DOH Designated Stroke Centers in the Region. Patients should be transported to the closest hospital or the hospital of their choice. REMO and NYS DOH will distribute information regarding NYS DOH Stroke Center Designation when it becomes available. Please note that for EMS agencies in New York State, only the NYS DOH Stroke Center Designation applies under the protocol.

Cardiac: NYS Cardiac Advisory Committee is currently working on EMS protocols and hospital center designations. They will only apply to ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction, STEMI, and not for chest pain. Currently, there are no Cardiac Centers in the Region. Patients should be transported to the closest hospital or the hospital of their choice. REMO and NYS DOH will distribute information regarding Cardiac Center Designation when it becomes available.

If a provider believes that a patient should be transported to a specific facility they should contact Medical Control. All medically derived triage transport decisions should be made through Medical Control and documented appropriately.

Updates to this memorandum will be posted as soon as available.