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Dear Agency Leadership and ALS Providers:

We are pleased to provide you with details about the 2015 update to the ALS protocols and the roll out process. This is an interim update to the existing Collaborative Protocols and was developed in response to the changes in scope of practice and the addition of the Advanced EMT to New York State EMS. These interim protocols will become effective April 1, 2015 at 0001hrs. At that time all prior versions of the collaborative protocols will be invalid. In addition to the provider requirements detailed below, we expect agencies to comply with the formulary changes by this date as well. If an agency is unable to, please contact the SREMS office.

The new protocols can be downloaded by going to www.srems.com and clicking "Protocols & Policies" under the "Resources" tab. Because this is an interim update we will not be printing new protocol books. However the iPhone app will be updated and an Android app is in development.

Although there are no major changes, these protocols have many technical updates. As such, all ALS providers will be required to complete a four module online self-study course and individually pass an online exam. ALS providers who have not completed and passed the exam by April 1st will have practice privileges automatically suspended region-wide. A link to the self-study material can also be found on the "Protocols & Policies" page. There are four self-study modules, titled: Protocol Changes, Haldol, Ketamine, and Norepinephrine. Please download and study each of these modules.

Once this material has been studied every ALS provider is required to complete an online exam. It is highly recommended that you download the "Testing Instructions" (located below the self-study material) prior to going to the "SREMS Testing Site." Once a provider account has been created on the SREMS Testing Site, it will take up to 24 hours for it to be activated. Providers will receive an automated email confirming account activation. After activation, the provider should log into the website and complete the "SREMS 2015 Protocol Exam." Please note, this email will request you submit copies of your EMT and CPR cards, you do not need to submit these to us.

As noted above this is an interim update to the protocols. We will be working throughout the year, with our other partner regions, to prepare a full revision to the protocols. Much of which will be based on the 2015 American Heart Association Guidelines.

As always should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the SREMS office.

Sincerely,

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