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To: CNY EMS Agencies
From: Tim Perkins, Executive Director
Re: New CFR Protocols

The New York State Department of Health Bureau of EMS recently notified CNYEMS that copies of the 2004 version of the New York State Basic Life Support Protocols for Certified First Responders (CFR) are now available for distribution.

These protocols were developed by the State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee and approved by the State EMS Council last year. They reflect updates to meet the current standard of care within New York State and all recent curriculum changes. The CFR protocols do not pertain to EMTs or Advanced EMTs.

Last year, EMS agencies in New York State were notified by State EMS that they were required to update all NYS EMS Certified First Responders to the new protocols by May 1, 2004. The new protocols went into effect as of that date. Due to the low number of CFR's in most agencies, the State EMS office will not be mailing copies out to individual agencies as was done with the BLS Protocols for EMT-Bs and AEMTs. Copies may be ordered by completing the enclosed order form. The order form must be accompanied by an authorized agency list of all CFR's from the agency. This order form is good for one-time only and State EMS will mail only one copy of the protocol for each CFR identified per agency.

These new protocols will come in 8 ½ x 11-inch paper, three whole punched, and in a plastic shrink-wrapped package. EMS services should maintain a copy in a binder so it is available to their personnel. Each protocol is printed on a separate removable sheet of paper so that future protocol changes can be easily updated in your binder. The entire CFR protocol book, as will any future updates, is available on the NYSDOH EMS Bureau website:

<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/cfrprotocols.htm>

State EMS Bureau is encouraging individuals and agencies to download the document from this site if they are able.

Please contact the State EMS Bureau office at 518.402.0996 or CNYEMS if there are questions regarding these protocols.