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To: All ALS Providers

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Re: Advisory 11-14: Intermediate and Critical Care Scope of Practice

With the state's adoption of the National EMS Education Standards, the diminishing number of Intermediate and Critical Care providers, the limited training and recertification options for this small group, and the increasing complexity of care and scope of practice options afforded to Paramedics and EMT-Basics, at the November 14th meeting of the Monroe-Livingston REMAC the following was approved:

- -That no new Intermediate or Critical Care providers will be cleared in the MLREMS region after December 31, 2011.
- -That any remaining Intermediate and Critical Care providers operating in the region will only be authorized and credentialed to practice at the EMT-B level effective July 1, 2014.
- -That Protocols effective July 1, 2014 will reflect two levels of care recognized in the MLREMS region: CFR/EMT-Basic and EMT-Paramedic. Two additional subsets of Paramedic level care will continue to be recognized (RSI and SCT).

This timeframe was specifically approved to allow at least two paramedic classes in this region, and additional classes in surrounding regions, to be available to those Intermediates and Critical Care providers wishing to advance to the Paramedic level before the July 1, 2014 date.

With any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Program Agency.