Advisory 19-09 NYS Protocol Update Interim Guidance

To: All EMS Agencies and Providers

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In recent weeks, you may have seen and heard several different statements about the newest version and rollout of the 2019 NYS EMS Collaborative Protocols. I would like to clarify as many of these statements as possible, with the understanding that some aspects of the protocol rollout are out of our control. Official protocol rollout and updating requirements will be announced in a subsequent Advisory.

- MLREMS has not yet released the regional requirements for providers as it relates to the newest version of the NYS EMS Collaborative Protocols. We are waiting on the updated smartphone Apps before anything is released to assure providers have at their fingertips the protocols that they will use. The App is expected to be updated by the first week of October, and once available, the protocol rollout will commence.

- New York State has contracted with Cypherworx to distribute content throughout the state. If you already have a Cypherworx account, you will NOT need to create a new account. We will provide instructions about logging into the NYS site along with the regional protocol update requirements in a subsequent Advisory. Given that MLREMS has been using the Collaborative Protocols for four years, and given there are few changes, we are working to streamline this process as much as possible for you.

- NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association sent an email out earlier this month with a link to 'get started' with the BLS protocol update. This version of the update is NOT required in the MLREMS region, although you are welcome to take the course and use the content towards your CME. If you followed their instructions, you have already created (linked) your regional and NYS Cypherworx accounts and will not need to do so again.

- The MLREMS region is working in partnership with EMS Nation to provide content through a series of podcast videos in a Cypherworx course. Regions outside of MLREMS are utilizing this content to supplement the recent protocol update. None of these courses are required in the MLREMS region, but the content is excellent and we encourage you to view the course(s). The course when published with be titled:
  - 2019 NYS BLS Protocol Update (BLS Provider Version)
  - 2019 NYS BLS Protocol Update (ALS Provider Version)

When the protocol apps are completed, the region will issue the specific requirements for all MLREMS providers. Until that time, with any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.