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To: All Advanced Life Support (ALS) Providers and Services

From: Nelson Machado, Jr.  
Quality Improvement Coordinator

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RE: Advanced Airway Placement and Verification Report

The State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee's (SEMAC) advisory 08-01 entitled *Confirmation of ETT Required Capnography* establishes continuous waveform capnography as the standard of care in all out-of-hospital adult and pediatric patients who require ETT intubation. The advisory, effective June 1, 2009, requires that all out-of-hospital adult and pediatric patients who require ETT intubation must have waveform capnography in place at the time of intubation and throughout the entire time the ETT is in place.

The advisory tasks the Regional Medical Advisory Committee's (REMAC) with the responsibility to develop and implement a quality improvement process to monitor the success rate for the placement of advanced airway devices by pre-hospital providers.

Effective immediately all Hudson Valley Regional ALS providers **MUST** complete an Advanced Airway Placement and Verification QI Report for each patient that an advanced airway device placement is attempted. The form is to be submitted to the EMS agency with the Pre-Hospital Care Report (PCR).

All ALS services **MUST** submit the original Advanced Airway Placement and Verification QI Report attached to the PCR Research Copy (yellow copy). Please submit the reports to the Hudson Valley Regional EMS office along with the monthly PCR submission.

The Advanced Airway Placement and Verification QI Report is available on our website, [www.hvremSCO.org](http://www.hvremSCO.org). Click on Publications and then on HVREMSCO Forms.

Please contact the Hudson Valley Regional EMS office with any questions in this regard.