



# SEMAC ADVISORY

## EMS AGENCY SELECTION, USE, AND APPROVAL OF MEDICAL DEVICES

### I. PURPOSE

New York State regulations set minimum standards for equipment carried by ambulances and emergency ambulance service vehicles. The State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC) recommends minimum standards for use of regulated medical devices and drugs by certified EMS personnel. State and Regional protocols generally do not endorse or specify equipment, regulated medical devices, or unregulated medical devices.

The purpose of this advisory is to encourage agency medical director involvement in the selection, approval, and use of medical devices by EMS services to effectively provide patient care as defined by applicable clinical protocols and guidelines.

### II. ADVISORY

Selection of equipment and supplies necessary for EMS providers to effectively provide patient care as defined by state, regional, and agency protocols, policies, guidelines, and procedures is the responsibility of each EMS agency.

The agency medical director must be involved in the selection, approval, and deployment of the devices each agency chooses to fulfill both the clinical and regulatory requirements applicable to the agency and its providers.

Agency medical directors should be involved in the development of agency policies and procedures to assure that EMS providers are adequately trained and competent in their use of equipment and supplies necessary to administer care within their scope of practice.

### III. REFERENCES:

10 NYCRR Part 800 – [Section 800.24](#)

New York State Public Health Law [§3002-a\(2\)\(3\)](#)

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