

## **RECENTLY ISSUED NYS DOH BUREAU OF EMS POLICY STATEMENTS**

- 13-04 ALTERNATIVE MEDICATION FORMULARY FOR PREHOSPITAL DRUG SHORTAGES: Drug shortages, including controlled substances, are occurring frequently. Planning for any type of drug shortage can be divided into three phases: identification and assessment, preparation, and contingency. Statement provides direction for Bureau of EMS, REMACs and EMS agencies for dealing with shortages and requirements for any new medication added to the prehospital formulary by any region or EMS agency.
- 13-05 RESPIRATORY DISEASE PRECAUTIONS: Prior policy statements 92-02, 03-02 and 03-11 have been supplemented/updated in consultation with NYS Department of Health (DOH) Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, NYS DOH Occupational Health and Safety, and NYS Department of Labor Public Employee Safety and Health. It is the intention of this policy statement to provide information and recommendations for the transport of patients with potentially infectious respiratory illnesses, such as influenza and tuberculosis (TB). This policy also provides updated guidelines for ***“respiratory etiquette”*** and the use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) as well as recommendations for preventive health care measures for EMS providers.