EMT-P/CC ADMINISTRATION OF BLOOD DURING INTERFACILITY TRANSPORTS

Bureau of EMS & Trauma Systems and the NYS Council on Human Blood and Transfusion Services proposed amendments to NYS regulations pertaining to blood transfusion, found in 10 NYCRR Subpart 58-2. A notice in the 8/13/14 NYS Register announced the opportunity for public comment that was open through 9/29/14.

Proposed changes include:

Permitting EMT-Paramedics (EMT-Ps) and EMT-Critical Care Technicians (EMTCC), with specific training in blood administration, to monitor transfusions and initiate transfusion of additional units during transport from one hospital to another [Section 58-2.16(h)]

Defining ambulance transfusion service and specifying requirements for such services [Sections 58-2.1(m) and 58-2.22, respectively]

Specifying transport requirements for blood issued to an ambulance transfusion service [Section 58-2.9(m)]

The proposed regulation covers interfacility transports and would not permit EMT-P/CC blood transfusions in the field or during initial transport to a hospital. However, it is not intended than an approved ambulance transfusion service would be prohibited from transporting a patient from an approved limited transfusion service to a hospital if a medical emergency arises requiring blood transfusion during transport. Additional information may be found at:

https://govt.westlaw.com/nyreg/Document/Id2abcbbe1e3d11e4acf20000845b8d3e?transitionType=Default&cont extData=(sc.Default)