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Date: November 18, 2009

To: All Agencies and EMS Providers

From: Susie Surprenant,
Executive Director

Re: **NYS PCR Shortage**

We have been notified by the Department of Health Bureau of EMS that there are no more blank Prehospital Care Report (PCR) forms in their inventory. They completed the process and received approval for the print order in spring 2009 but due to contractual and state budget issues it has prevented the completion of the print order.

We do have an inventory of PCR forms available in the Program Agency Office. Please use your available supply of PCR forms prior to requesting more from the office. We are attempting to evenly distribute them to agencies prior to our inventory running out.

As a result, the BEMS is asking us to do the following:

Basic Life Support – First Response Services

1. Effective immediately, we can only distribute PCR forms to Certified ambulance and advanced life support first response agencies. We can not provide the 3 part PCR forms to Basic Life Support – First Response Services.

- Once you run out of PCR forms, you will need to make copies of the pdf file of the Research (yellow) copy that is available on the CNYEMS website under forms.
- Since you no longer will have the pink copy to give to the transporting agency, you will need to fax a copy to the hospital so they have a copy for the patient's chart.



Ambulance and Advanced Life Support First Response Agencies

1. As a last resort, once we exhaust our supply agencies will need to make copies of the **RESEARCH** (yellow) copy only to insure that your agency is provided with the best, most legible copy possible. This will enable the keypunch contractor to continue data entry. Please let us know if you begin to copy PCR forms.
 - A pdf file of the Research (yellow) copy is available on the CNYEMS website under forms.
 - The Research (yellow) copies still need to be screened and sent to the Program Agency office.

2. The Department has provided us the PCR proof files should an agency wish to print their PCR forms versus copying them. Please contact us for more information on this option.

The DOH BEMS does not anticipate this situation to be resolved in the immediate future. Please contact the office with any questions.