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The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City is responsible to develop, approve and implement prehospital treatment and transport protocols for use within the five boroughs of the City of New York. The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City operates under the auspices of Article Thirty of the New York State Public Health Law.

The New York State Department of Health now recognizes and approves the **Montefiore Hospital's Free-Standing Emergency Department at the former Westchester Square Hospital**. Montefiore has demonstrated to the NYS DOH's satisfaction that its Free-Standing ED at Westchester Square is capable of managing General Emergency Department (GED) patients. GED patients are limited to non-critical, non-specialty referral, adult patients. Patient acceptance is limited since no in-patient facilities are available at the Westchester location.

This approval is conditioned upon Montefiore Hospital's understanding that Montefiore is responsible for providing non-municipal ambulances for the purpose of transporting patients requiring further hospital care and/or admission. Further, should a patient require ambulance transportation to a hospital, they will not be accessing a 911 EMS service for the purpose of inter-facility transport. Continued approval is conditioned upon monitoring by the NYS Department of Health.

According to the NYS DOH, the model of a Free-Standing Emergency Department with the ability to manage GED patients – which is the majority of the EMS patient population, may have a positive impact on ED over crowding and ambulance turn around times.

Scope of Service: No in-house clinical services are available at the Westchester location. General Emergency Department (GED) patients can be accepted. GED patients are limited to non-critical, non-specialty referral, adult patients

Current and Updated Protocols can be accessed at the Regional EMS Council website:
www.nycremsco.org.

Owners/operators of Ambulance and ALS First Response Services providing prehospital medical treatment within the five boroughs of the City of New York are responsible to provide copies of the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols to their personnel, and to ensure that Service Medical Directors and EMS personnel are informed of all changes/updates to the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols.

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