

**Mountain Lakes Regional EMS Council  
Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC)  
375 Bay Road, STE 202  
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**Re: Use of Controlled Substances**

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**Purpose:** To ensure that the standard of care for patients requiring the administration of Controlled Substances is being followed by all Critical Care and Paramedic providers and their affiliated Advanced Life Support (ALS) agencies.

**Background:** It has been brought to the attention of the Mountain Lakes REMAC that some on-line Critical Care and Paramedic providers are “opting out of” controlled substance programs at their affiliated agencies. Furthermore, some providers have been removed from, or not added to their agency controlled substance plan.

This issue was discussed and debated at the Mountain Lakes REMAC meeting held in Lake Placid, NY on April 28, 2014. It was unanimously felt and voted on that all on-line Critical Care and Paramedic providers must participate in all affiliated agency controlled substance plans if they wish to stay online within the Mountain Lakes Region. An inability or unwillingness to administer controlled substances is unacceptable.

**Advisory:** Effective immediately, all online Critical Care and Paramedic providers must participate in controlled substance plans at all of their affiliated agencies. An inability or lack of desire to participate will result in immediate loss of ALS privileges.

**Agencies must immediately alert the Mountain Lakes office and their medical director of any suspension or revocation of a provider’s controlled substance privileges.**

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