

## BEMS GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

**TO:** Emergency Medical Service Providers

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**SUBJECT:** Cardiac Arrest Standard of Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Effective immediately, all levels of the NYS Department of Health Certified Emergency Medical Services Providers (i.e., Certified First Responder through Paramedic level) must use the attached protocol. Please note that this protocol:

- Applies only to patients older than 18 years of age;
- Contains changes that are based on well-accepted, widely published evidence, and are widely agreed upon by the physician leaders of Emergency Medical Service Regional Medical Control Systems across New York State; and
- Reflects recommended revisions which pre-date the COVID-19 public health emergency and have been successfully used in many areas of the US, as well as other locations throughout the world.