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ISSUE	ACTION NEEDED BY	ISSUE LEADER	STEPS TO DATE	NEXT STEPS
<p>EMS is not a required and/or essential service in NYS.</p> <p>EMS IS A PUBLIC GOOD: * Provides public health & safety. * Provides equal access to all. * Provides early intervention health care.</p>	NYS	NYS Senator Shelley Mayer & NYS Assemblyman Steve Otis.	Meetings held with Sen. Mayer & Assemblyman Otis. Sen Mayer is currently drafting legislation requiring EMS in a form determined by the local municipality (i.e. dept, district, contract with not-for-profit or private).	Sen. Mayer to review draft legislation with MAA Subcommittee & WC EMS Task Force by year end for next session. Once final and bill numbers are created, ask local municipalities to approve resolutions of support.
Health insurance is very expensive for EMS due to small groups.	NYS	NYS Senator Shelley Mayer & NYS Assemblyman Steve Otis.	Meetings held with Sen. Mayer & Assemblyman Otis. Sen Mayer is currently drafting legislation to allow EMS personnel to be eligible to join NYSHIP.	Sen. Mayer to review draft legislation with MAA Subcommittee & WC EMS Task Force by year end for next session.
EMS does not have a retirement option.	NYS	NYS Senator Shelley Mayer & NYS Assemblyman Steve Otis.	Meetings held with Sen. Mayer & Assemblyman Otis. Sen Mayer is currently drafting legislation to allow EMS personnel to be eligible to join NYS Retirement Plan.	Sen. Mayer to review draft legislation with MAA Subcommittee & WC EMS Task Force by year end for next session.
EMS does not have min. operating standards.	NYS	State or County EMS association to draft for state consideration.	Discussions only.	To be considered after EMS is considered a required and/or essential service in NY.
County-wide training support for EMS.	Westchester County	EMS Task Force	Discussions only.	Urge EMS Task Force to recommend to CE
Discuss pros/cons of County-wide Dispatch	Westchester County	EMS Task Force	Discussions only.	Urge EMS Task Force to recommend to CE
Formalize Mutual Aid thru Agreements	Local municipalities & EMS agencies.	EMS Task Force	Discussions only.	Urge EMS Task Force to recommend to CE

Form County-wide EMS Association to meet monthly to address and provide guidance on EMS issues.	Local municipalities & EMS agencies.	Commissioner Wishnie & Tony Sutton (?).	Main Issues Identified: public education, educate municipal leaders, low compensation, formalize mutual aid, career development, networking, training, Medicare reimb., est. response time goals, min. SOP's.	EMS Task Force to suggest County take lead in forming an EMS group with a representative of all EMS agencies and municipalities.
Change Medicare to allow payment for more than transport calls. Add early intervention medical care as a reimbursable item under Medicare.	Federal Agency: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	NYS Congressman Mondaire Jones (17th District)	Rye Brook requested a meeting with Congressman Jones.	See if Congressman Jones will support issue and provide direction.
Expand eligibility and increase SIREN grant funding for EMS Agencies (cut back to \$5M <u>nationally</u>).	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	NYS Congressman Mondaire Jones (17th District)	Rye Brook requested a meeting with Congressman Jones.	See if Congressman Jones will support issue and provide direction.
Inform Local Governments & Public of Issues	Local municipalities & EMS agencies.	MAA Subcommittee	Provided a white paper to NYSCMA, MAA, WMOA. MAA also had an EMS presentation at a monthly mtg. explaining issues and formed an EMS Subcommittee.	Provide white paper, educational session and/or presentations of EMS issues to WMOA, NYCOM, NYS Assoc. of Towns. Ask NYCOM to support legislation. Consider mtg. with lohud editorial board.