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To Whom It May Concern:

Attached please find a letter from Mr. Jeffery Coleman, Assistant Regional Program Director, Hospital and Primary Care Services, New York State, Department of Health regarding the transport of ambulance patients to the Mercy Ambulatory Care Center (MACC). Dr. Gregory Young, Chairman REMAC has discussed this matter with Mr. Coleman and with Mercy Hospital officials and will issue a written directive by next week that **effective immediately NO emergency patients (i.e., 9-1-1 originated calls) shall be transported by ambulance to the MACC.**

As you will note, Mr. Coleman's reasoning for this directive is that the hospital division of the NYS Health Department considers the MACC to be "an extension clinic of Mercy Hospital" and not an emergency department. I understand that this may be contrary to previous beliefs of the REMAC, as well as local and NYS EMS officials. However, **I ask that you comply with this directive and transport NO emergency patients to the MACC effective immediately. Please disseminate this information to all-appropriate agencies and providers as soon as possible.**

I thank you for your cooperation and regret any confusion regarding this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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