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**To:** All Chief Officers Receiving Medical Direction from ECMC  
**CC:** EMS Officers, Chris Zak, Greg Skibitsky, Rob Orłowski, Scott Wander  
**From:** Anthony J. Billittier IV, MD, FACEP  
**Date:** 01/07/99  
**Re:** Pulse Oximetry and Oxygen Administration

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Many EMS agencies have recently purchased pulse oximeters. We have noticed that patients now arrive without high flow oxygen administration as outlined by the WREMS ALS Patient Care protocols. Please be advised that a normal pulse oximeter reading must not prevent high flow oxygen administration to sick and potentially sick patients (as defined by our protocols).

I thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this significant patient care issue. Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments, questions, concerns or suggestions.