



## Monroe Livingston Region Program Agency

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To: All EMS Agencies

From: Jeremy T. Cushman, MD, MS, EMT-P *JT Cushman*  
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Re: Advisory 10-19: Aspirin

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All agencies that provide EMS, whether BLSFR or transporting, must carry aspirin and administer when indicated according to regional Standard of Care. NYS DoH Bureau of EMS Policy 09-11 (<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/pdf/09-11.pdf>) identifies the policies and procedures expected of the agency which include, but are not limited to inventory control, storage, expiration and replacement of medications and the process for provider education.

To clarify, an agency may carry either individually packaged chewable aspirin tablets or a bottle with multiple doses available. In the case of the latter, the bottle need not be discarded after a single dose has been administered to a patient. For multi-dose bottles the aspirin may be used for multiple patients until the medication expiration date has been reached, at which time the bottle must be discarded and replaced.

With any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Program Agency.