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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 28, 2004

TO: All Ventura County Accredited Paramedics

FROM: Angelo Salvucci, MD 
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RE: Online ACLS Programs

It has come to my attention that several Ventura County accredited Paramedics have recently recertified their ACLS certifications through an online program from American Medical Resource Group offered as www.aclsonline.us. I also understand that this company is advising prospective applicants that they are accredited for California because they are "nationally certified". Further inquiries with this company confirm they are not accredited to provide CE for EMS personnel by any state EMS office or by CECBEMS, as indicated in the following State of California regulation and therefore, according to the State EMSA, not approved for CE in California.

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Div. 9, Ch. 4, Article 6, section 100169(b): The EMS Authority shall be the approving agency for CE providers whose headquarters are out-of-state and for statewide public safety agencies. CE courses approved for EMS personnel by EMS offices of other states or by the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) are deemed approved courses for meeting CE requirements without any further approval by the EMS Authority or local EMS agencies.

As the course in question is not approved for California Paramedic continuing education, it will not fulfill the county ACLS requirement.

If you have used this company to recertify your ACLS, you will have until April 1, 2004 to attend an approved ACLS course and forward a copy of your card to our office in order to maintain local accreditation requirements.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the EMS office at (805) 485-9230.