The New York State EMS System

KEY

- Direct Relationship (solid line)
- Indirect Relationship (dashed line)
- Local (yellow)
- Regional (blue)
- State (green)

The Patient

EMS Provider / EMS Agencies / Dispatch Agencies

Receiving Hospitals / Medical Control On-Line/Off-Line

Agency Medical Director

County Councils

Area EMS Offices County Coordinators

EMS Systems Medical Director

Regional EMS Councils (REMSCO)

Program Agencies

Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC)

NYS EMS Council (SEMSCO)

State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC)

NYS DOH Bureau of EMS Central Office

The Commissioner of Health

The Governor of New York
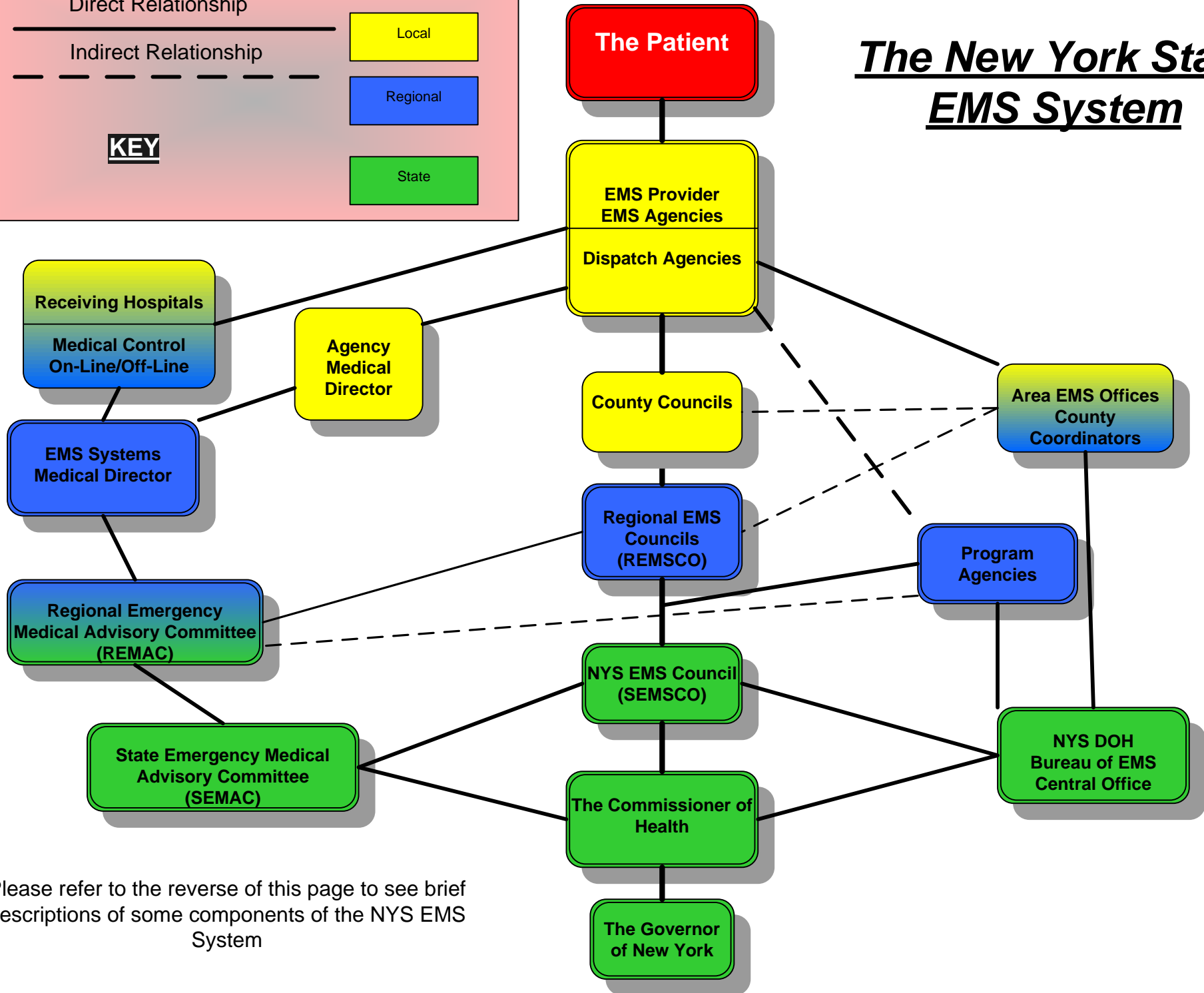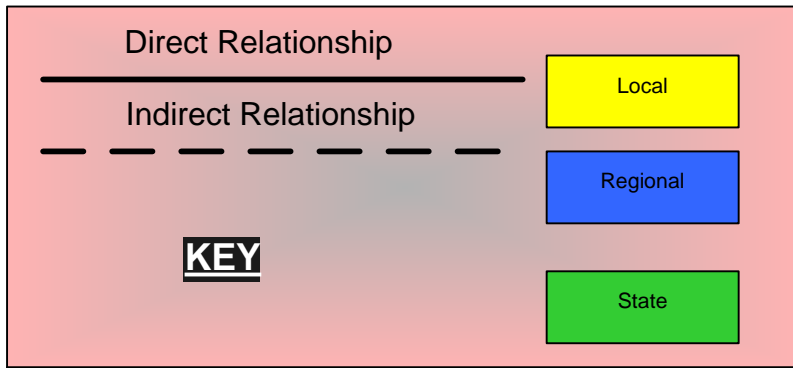
Please refer to the reverse of this page to see brief descriptions of some components of the NYS EMS System

The NYS EMS System
A brief review of Local, Regional & State Organizations.

NYS EMS Council (SEMSCO)

SEMSCO is an advisory body to the Commissioner of Health in areas of concern involving EMS. SEMSCO's charge and statutory authority can be found in Article 30 Section 3002 of the Public Health Law

State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC)

SEMAC is a committee of SEMSCO. The charge and authority of the SEMAC can be found in Article 30 Section 3002a of the public Health Law. SEMAC is responsible for recommending to SEMSCO minimum standards for medical control, treatment, triage and transportation.

Regional EMS Councils (REMSCO)

The charge and authority of REMSCO can be found in Article 30 section 3003 of the Public Health Law. Each REMSCO is comprised of representatives from local ambulance services, physicians, nurses, hospitals and other EMS Organizations. The County EMS Coordinator serves as an ex-officio ember of REMSCO. The primary function of the REMSCO is to encourage and facilitate regional cooperation and organization of local EMS systems. The REMSCO is the local provider's direct link to SEMSCO and the Bureau of EMS.

Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC)

REMAC charge and authority can be found in Article 30 section 3004a of the Public Health Law. REMAC's role is to facilitate local medical direction, and guide the development of regional EMS systems. REMAC has the authority to develop policies and procedures; develop triage, treatment, and transportation protocol consistent with those of SEMAC; and address specific local issues.

Program Agencies

The role of the EMS program agency can be found in Article 30 section 3003a of the Public Health Law. DOH funds these agencies to assist the REMSCO's and the DOH in developing regional EMS systems. These organizations have no statutory authority and were created to provide professional and clerical staff to implement and support the REMSCO's and REMAC's and provide day to day continuity to the evolution of the regional EMS system.