

Memorandum

**TO:** Massachusetts Ambulance Services  
**FROM:** Abdullah Rehayem, Ambulance Regulation Program  
**DATE:** June 24, 2004  
**RE:** UPDATE - CPR Vest

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Last month, the Department of Public Health (Department), Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) notified all ambulance services that use of the Revivant AutoPulse "CPR vest," a portable device intended to provide automatic chest compressions for use as an adjunct for manual CPR, was under review by the Department.

Based on the recommendation of the Emergency Medical Care Advisory Board's (EMCAB's) Executive Committee, until such time as the Medical Services Committee submits further recommendations with regard to the CPR vest's use, the Department has approved use of the CPR vest by ambulance services only pursuant to a special project waiver. Services wishing to use the vest should request a special project waiver in writing from OEMS.