

## **Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Bulletin**

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TO: NYSVARA Members

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**RE:** Ambulance Districts

During the course of working on another project I came across a newsletter/advisory prepared by the New York State Comptroller regarding ambulance districts. In this advisory he detailed deficiencies in the manner in which towns administered ambulance districts that were uncovered during audits performed by his office. The bulletin did cite specific towns and EMS agencies.

This bulletin did not indicate, suggest, or even hint at the idea that the Comptroller's Office was in any way targeting ambulance districts for investigation. Rather the document had the tone of an educational piece intended for municipal comptrollers.

I share this with our members so that any having contracts with ambulance districts can be proactive about this. If you are such an agency I encourage you to review your contract with the district/town and insure you are in compliance with the details therein. I also remind you to consider the points made in the July 23, 2010 bulletin regarding municipal contracts.