



## MEDICAL CONTROL POLICY STATEMENT/ADVISORY

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### ***EMS MEDICATION RECERTIFICATION***

All EMS Providers:

EMS medication recertification is on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Unless your agency has made other arrangements, please take the boxes and kits to a participating pharmacy beginning around 7:00AM on Friday. BLS kits will be recertified on the same day.

#### Medication Boxes:

- We will be adding an additional 2 grams of magnesium sulfate in a 50ml bag at the bottom of the drug box. This can be used in patients that require a magnesium drip.

#### ALS Kits (Blue Bags):

- No changes

#### BLS Kits (Orange Bags):

- No changes

#### ***While we have your attention, please help us reduce the number of pharmacy incident reports by doing the following:***

1. NEVER put a used or empty vial back into the drug box or kit. When used vials are put back, the pharmacist doesn't always know that the medication needs to be replenished.
2. ALWAYS ensure that you clean your trash out of the boxes and kits before sending them to pharmacy. This includes removing glucometers, laryngoscope handles and blades, and patient belongings. Most importantly, used needles and catheters belong in the appropriate waste receptacle. Please don't test the pharmacist's immune response by leaving a sharp or contaminated item in the box or kit.
3. When a controlled substances kit is opened, the paramedic is responsible for conducting an inventory of the kit. If there is a discrepancy, you should contact your supervisor and advise the pharmacy. When things come up missing, there is paperwork that must be filed with the DEA and drug swabs that will need to be done. Avoid the mess, just inventory the kit before sealing the box.
4. If administering anything from the controlled substances kit, you MUST document the total dose, number of vials and have the waste witnessed by someone licensed to administer the medication.

Attachments:

1. Box and Kit Inventories – October 2021