



## MEDICAL CONTROL POLICY STATEMENT/ADVISORY

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

All EMS Providers:

EMS medication recertification is on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. 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:

- **Ketamine 500mg/10ml** – Because of a shortage in Ketamine availability, there will only be one vial of 500mg/10ml instead of two. There will be a label indicating that there is only one vial to help reduce confusion. Once the supply chain improves, the second vial will be added again. ***STMCA Paramedics should attempt other forms of pain control if possible.***

#### ALS Kits (Blue Bags):

- No changes

#### BLS Kits (Orange Bags):

- No changes

#### **Drug box Forms:**

It has come to our attention that there have been some documentation errors pertaining to narcotic documentation. Remember that the section marked “Total Dose” is the amount that you administered to the patient. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

#### ***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. 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 – June 2023