



PROTOCOL ADDENDUM

ALL LEVELS (ECA, EMT, EMT-I, and EMT-P)



The following changes have been made to the Definition Section of ALL LEVELS of the SPEMS Protocols and will become effective September 1, 2017 and will remain in effect until the expiration date of February 28, 2018. This addendum must be placed in ALL LEVELS of Protocols immediately behind the signature page.

MEDICATION STORAGE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

All EMS services which utilize SPEMS Medical Direction and/or Protocols will maintain and store all pharmaceuticals as per the manufactures recommendation. Medications should be arranged in an orderly and organized fashion (i.e. drug bag/box or ambulance compartment) to facilitate quick access as well as limit medication errors. Medications should be stored in an area of the ambulance which limits access to unauthorized individuals. Ambulances licensed at the ALS/MICU level that are operating at the BLS level, as allowed by rule, should have all ALS/MICU medications secured by no less than a numbered zip tie locking system to assure accountability. Narcotics, if carried, should be stored within a locked cabinet.

An EMS service that utilizes narcotics/controlled medications must follow all DEA and SPEMS reporting and tracking requirements. All medications stocked/stored by an EMS provider should be accounted for by utilizing the individual EMS provider's inventory control procedures and/or policies.

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