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MEMORANDUM

DATE : July 20, 2004

TO: Prehospital providers, PCMDs and PCNCs in the North Coast EMS Region

FROM: John Kelsey, MD, North Coast EMS Medical Director

RE: **Reduction in Required Medications and Equipment**

In response to requests by prehospital providers in the North Coast EMS region, our office anticipates the elimination of several medications and equipment from our current LALS/ALS requirements.

Two medications will likely be removed entirely:

Syrup of Ipecac
Metaproterenol Sulfate

The following, while no longer required, would remain “optional” with the approval of the provider’s base hospital Prehospital Care Medical Director (PCMD):

Bretylium Tosylate
Oxytocin
Procainamide
Esophageal Obturator Airway (EOA/EGTA)
Anti-Shock Trousers or (MAST)

Retention of any of the above contemplated “optional” medications and equipment would require the provider to submit an written request to North Coast EMS, signed by the provider’s base hospital PCMD.

Please write to me with your comments or concerns. You may email me at coord@northcoast.com



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Thank You.