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TO: Region XI EMS Prehospital Providers; Region XI EMS Participating Hospitals
FROM: **REGION XI EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS**
SUBJECT: **REGIONAL BENZODIAZEPINE STANDARDIZATION & ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO REQUIRED MEDICATIONS FOR ALS COMPANIES**

Regional Benzodiazepine Standardization

Effective immediately, Diazepam (Valium) will no longer be a required medication on Region XI transport or non-transport Advanced Life Support (ALS) vehicles. The preferred benzodiazepine is now Midazolam (Versed); the required regional inventory is **20 mg total per vehicle**. **The required concentration of 5mg/1ml (10mg/2ml) will be standardized across the region.**

Effective July 1, 2014: All CFD ALS vehicles MUST have a total inventory of **exactly 20 mg Versed** at the standardized concentration of 5mg/1ml (10mg/2ml). All overage of Diazepam (Valium) or Midazolam (Versed) including differing concentrations other than 5mg/1ml (10mg/2ml) shall be discarded appropriately at the **assigned resource hospital**.

Additional Changes in Required Medications for ALS Companies

Effective immediately, the use of Lasix in the pre-hospital setting will be discontinued.

Effective immediately, the use of Dopamine in the pre-hospital setting will be discontinued.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Resource Hospital EMS Coordinator.

Respectfully,

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