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MEMORANDUM FROM THE CHICAGO EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS

At the request of EMS providers and in an effort to provide clarification and standardization for the replacement of all expiring pre-hospital medications (both controlled and non-controlled) in the Chicago EMS Systems, we provide the following guideline:

Expanding medications will only be replaced by an EMS provider's/vehicle's assigned Resource Hospital during the 7 calendar days prior to the date of expiration. Expired medication exchanges will only be honored for uniformed EMS providers with EMS agency identification on business days during designated pharmacy hours, as listed below. Medication with an expiration date that only includes month and year, expire on the final day of the expiration month.

Example: Medication expires 10/2012
Replacement by assigned Resource Hospital October 24 - 31, 2012

Example: Medication expires 10/1/2012
Replacement by assigned Resource Hospital September 24 – October 1, 2012

Medications will only be replaced during the final 7 days of the shelf-life of the medication.

Resource Hospital Pharmacy Information

Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center
EMS Pharmacy Exchange Site: Emergency Department or Pharmacy (Ground Level)
Hours for exchange: 0800 – 2200 HRS on business days
EMS Pharmacy Contact: Megan Corrigan, PharmD, BCPS
Telephone Number: (773) 296-8093

John H. Stroger Jr., Hospital of Cook County
EMS Pharmacy Exchange Site: Stroger Emergency Department
Hours for exchange: 0900 – 1700 HRS on business days
EMS Pharmacy Contact: Joanne Mazur-Routsolias, PharmD, RN, BCPS
Telephone Number: (312) 740-6423

Northwestern Memorial Hospital
EMS Pharmacy Exchange Site: 9th floor Pharmacy
Hours for exchange: 0800 – 1700 HRS on business days
EMS Pharmacy Contact: Elizabeth Gorski, PharmD, MBA, BCPS
Telephone Number: (312) 926-1982
University of Chicago Medical Center
EMS Pharmacy Exchange Site: Center for Care and Discovery
Hours for exchange: 1000 – 1400 HRS on business days
EMS Pharmacy Contact: Jeanne Durley, Storeroom Manager
Telephone Number: (773) 702-6242