

HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM

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Emergency Medical Services Program

Approved		
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Subject: NARCOTIC MEDICATION UTILIZED BY PARAMEDICS

I. Purpose:

In order to maintain clear documentation and legal custody of narcotic usage in the prehospital environment the following will be observed:

The Paramedic actually administering the narcotic <u>will not transfer the narcotic</u> vial or syringe to the custody of a Paramedic <u>from a different agency</u>. The narcotic vial or syringe <u>may be transferred</u> to the custody of another Paramedic <u>within the same agency</u>. If the narcotic in the vial or syringe is not completely used by the Paramedic, the remainder will be disposed of in accordance to generally accepted wasting procedures.