



*The Pre-Hospital Healthcare Team  
for  
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**MEMORANDUM #2012-08**

**FROM:** Office of the Medical Director  
Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority (SVMCA)

**TO:** All ALS Agencies and Providers

**SUBJECT:** Controlled Substances Kits - Greater Bay Area EMS Medication Boxes

St. Mary's of Michigan Pharmacy has received an EMS Drug box for restocking that contained two controlled substance/narcotic kits inside. There is no conceivable cause or explanation for this to happen; yet it has.

Since each box is issued only one controlled substance/narcotic kit; our only conclusion is that there may be an EMS box within the system at this time without a "red bag". Obviously, a box that is lacking the midazolam, diazepam, fentanyl, and morphine could be detrimental to patient care.

At this time, we need to advise any users of the EMS Medication boxes within the SVMCA, Bay, or Arenac County to open each box and ensure that the narcotic kit that is noted on the control label is actually inside your box. Once you've opened the box and verified the contents; secure it and use it on your next call as soon as possible so it can be rechecked at a participating pharmacy.

If you find a box without the kit inside; report it to our office immediately either through phone or email.

Thank you and sorry for any inconvenience this causes to the agencies or pharmacies.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Snidersich', is positioned above the typed name.

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