

SILVER CROSS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM**TITLE:** PYXIS SUPPLY AND MEDICATION PROCEDURE**POLICY:**

Hospitals may utilize a PYXIS system for retrieval/exchange of EMS supplies and medications used on ambulance runs. EMS Personnel that transport to these receiving facilities must be programmed into each hospital's Pyxis system in order to gain access for drug and/or supply replacement and follow individual instructions per each hospital.

I. PYXIS - Provider Entry Process

- A. System EMS Personnel that transport to these facilities will have to be entered into the program for PYXIS access. This can be accomplished by the System Agency EMS Coordinator obtaining the appropriate procedure to enter their EMS Personnel and disseminating that information to the members of their department. Each hospital will have their own process so contacting each receiving hospital's EMS Coordinator will allow the most accurate procedure.

II. PYXIS Operations

- A. Pyxis operations may occasionally encounter problems so EMS Personnel may need to report difficulties to their Agency EMS Coordinator and request assistance from an ER nurse. If the issue persists, email the receiving hospital EMS Coordinator for resolve.
- B. **Drug Exchange:** In instances where controlled substances need to be exchanged by System Paramedics or PHRNS, they are instructed to make the exchange of narcotics/controlled substances with the ER charge nurse on duty ensuring waste is documented and a signature is obtained.

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