



**\*\*\* PARAMEDIC ALERT \*\*\***

**No. 2010-05**

Date: October 13, 2010

Topic: Severely Agitated Patient Protocol Revision

Effective: Immediately (10/13/10)

Attention: All El Dorado County ALS Providers/Base Hospitals

The El Dorado County Medical Advisory Committee has approved critical changes to the Severely Agitated Patient Protocol. Through the CQI process it became apparent that the following immediate changes were needed:

- New requirement for documenting justification of chemically sedating patients
- Versed increments changed from 3-5 minutes to 10 minutes for repeat doses
- Medic's discretion to lower the IM Versed dose to 2.5 mg for smaller sized or elderly patients

Please remember that this protocol was designed for use with those patients who cannot be restrained or calmed down in any other manner. It is considered only as a last resort to protect the EMS crew and the patient from any harm.

Please contact the Emergency Medical Services Agency with any questions or clarifications.

Thank you for your work in the EMS system.

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