

Regional Ambulance Restocking Agreement

January 3, 2002 is the effective date for the *Medicare and State Health Care Programs: Fraud and Abuse; Ambulance Replenishing Safe Harbor Under the Anti-Kickback Statute* (42 CFR Part 1001), otherwise referred to as the Ambulance Restocking Arrangements, Final Safe Harbor Conditions. The following outlines the regional process for those facilities within the Thomas Jefferson EMS Council region:

1. Hospitals will restock all ambulance providers who transport patients to their facility from the following category: all non-profit and governmental providers.
2. The restocking will include all medications, medical supplies and linen on a one-for-one basis used by ambulance providers in the treatment of the arriving patient. This includes the exchanging of opened or expired drug boxes from all agencies (for-profit or non-profit) that participate in the Thomas Jefferson EMS Council regional drug box program.
3. There are no charges created to the patient by the ambulance provider for the use of theafore mentioned supplies and medications.
4. There are no charges generated to the ambulance providers for the restocking of the supplies as detailed in line 2 by the receiving facility.
5. Restocking of the ambulance provider pertains to both emergent and non-emergent transports.
6. All medications and supplies used by the ambulance provider will be documented on the agency "call report" and a copy provided to the receiving hospital. Minimum information includes the patient's name, date of service (transport) and pertinent medications and/or supplies exchanged.
7. All ambulance providers within the Thomas Jefferson EMS Council must comply with all applicable Federal and state rules and regulations.

For further information regarding the Regional Ambulance Restocking Agreement or to obtain additional copies, please contact the Thomas Jefferson Regional EMS Council at (434) 295-6146.