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To All PAEMS ALS agencies:

Recently, it has come to my attention that some ALS Ambulance Service Providers do not have the ability to provide refrigerated storage for medications on board the truck. Diltiazem is the principle medication in question, and has a reduced shelf life of around 30 days if not refrigerated.

I understand potential costs associated with continual replacement of medications, in addition to procuring refrigerated storage for ambulances.

Therefore, Diltiazem will be considered a "recommended but optional" medication for ALS agencies in the PAEMS system.

For any questions regarding this, please contact the EMS office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew N. Jackson MD".

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