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HEALTH ADVISORY

Health-Care Facilities and Ambulance Services Asked to Check Security Procedures After Narcotics Were Stolen From Ambulance Service

The North Dakota Department of Health wants to alert health-care facilities and ambulance services about the theft of narcotics from an ambulance service in North Dakota. Sometime between noon on Aug. 16, 2010, and noon on Aug. 18, 2010, an ambulance service in North Dakota was broken into and narcotics were taken. Law enforcement has been notified and is investigating. Since then, another possible theft is being investigated.

Health-care facilities and ambulance services are asked to be alert for anything suspicious and to check that all security measures are in place for controlled substances.

Any facility who has information or notices anything suspicious should call their local law enforcement.

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This message is being sent to local public health units, clinics, hospitals, physicians, tribal health, North Dakota Nurses Association, North Dakota Long Term Care Association, North Dakota Healthcare Association, North Dakota Medical Association, and hospital public information officers.