

To: EMS Agencies

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Subject: Current EMS Medication Shortages – UPDATED MWHC LIST

These shortages are in effect for all MWHC facilities based on our ability to order under national drug shortages, and backorders by the manufacturers under the current contracts we hold. Please distribute the updated list below to your ALS providers. Your providers may see these drugs as previously distributed in hospital medication boxes currently in the field or the Med Acudose until that stock is depleted or expired.

Medication Shortage	Approved Alternative Provided	Effective Date
Adenosine	None	3/5/2014
Dopamine RTU Bags	None	3/5/2014
Fentanyl	None	1/1/2013
Lorazepam	None	1/1/2013
Ketamine	None	1/1/2013
Dextrose 25% pre-filled	Dilute Dextrose 50% for pediatric use as	11/16/2012
syringe	directed under approved Regional Protocol	
Diazepam (Valium)	None. During shortage EMS may use	1/27/2012
	Versed as outlined in the Regional Protocols	

The list of regional EMS medications below are currently being provided by MWHC in an alternate package or dose as available under the national drug shortages:

Medication	Current Packaging / Dosage Available for EMS	
Narcan	Effective 5/6/2013: 1- Narcan 0.4 mg/1ml vial will be provided per	
(1 - 4mg/10 ml vial)	kit	
Etomidate (1- 40mg vial)	Effective 5/6/2013: 2 - 20mg/10ml vials will be provided per kit.	
Zofran (4mg vials)	Two 4mg Zofran ODT tablets provided	
Versed 5mg/5ml	Currently provided in 5mg/5ml vials	
(pre-filled syringe)		

Should you have any questions regarding MWHC available EMS medications do not hesitate to contact me at 540-741-1192 or by email at <u>Christina.Skinner@mwhc.com</u>.