



# Mary Washington Healthcare

**To:** EMS Agencies  
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**Subject:** Current EMS Medication Shortages

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
Ketamine	Remains on shortage since 3/5/2018. Will provide 8 Ketamine Kits as approved through REMS Pharmacy Committee, to be distributed to approved EMS Supervisor Response Vehicles and restocked when available.	7/30/2019

## Alerts / Reminders on other medications and devices:

Medication Change	Approved Alternative Provided	Effective Date
Dextrose	Reminder to EMS that MWHC Pharmacies are only stocking D10% 250ml bags for EMS field use per REMS Protocol. Some unexpired D50 and D25 abbojects may still be in med boxes, but will no longer be stocked.	1/25/2019
Amiodarone 900mg/18ml vial	Stocking two 450mg/9ml vials per kit; only one manufacturer of 18ml vials and they cannot keep up with the increased demand.	10/1/2018

Should you have any questions regarding MWHC available EMS medications do not hesitate to contact me at 540-741-1192 or by email at [Christina.Rauch@mwhc.com](mailto:Christina.Rauch@mwhc.com).