

SPECIAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Fresno/Kings/Madera/Tulare EMS Providers, Hospitals, First Responders Agencies, and Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Multi-dose Atropine Vial Shortage



The EMS Agency has been notified of a shortage of multi-dose atropine vials. In instances where there is an extreme shortage, provider agencies should assure the primary response vehicles have what is available, even if expired. The authorized use of expired atropine is for multi-dose vials only. One (1) milligram preload atropine has not been affected by this shortage.

This medication shortage will only affect EMS Policy #530.20 – Ingestion/Poisoning.

Please contact Mato Parker, EMS Coordinator, at (559) 600-3387 if you have any questions.