



EMS Special Memorandum - #26-001

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To: Mendocino/ Sonoma County EMS Providers and System Stakeholders

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Re: Epinephrine Recall Mitigation

The intent of this EMS Special Memo is to notify EMS system providers of an immediate recall of Epinephrine 1:1000 by manufacturer Fresenius Kabi. At least one major EMS supplier, Life-Assist, distributed medication from affected lots to CVEMSA providers. All EMS system provider agencies should check stock and follow the manufacturer's instructions to immediately remove any recalled medication from service and prevent administration of recalled medication to patients.

Due to the scope of the recall, CVEMSA understands replacement medication may not become available in the immediate future. CVEMSA is requesting notification from any provider agency without sufficient Epinephrine 1:1,000 on hand. Affected agencies should attempt to purchase replacement medication as soon as possible from other suppliers and consult with CVEMSA if unable to acquire sufficient stock for front line units. As an emergency mitigation, CVEMSA is authorizing the use of Epinephrine 1:1,000 no more than six months past manufacturer's expiration date. Provider agencies doing so must ensure any use of expired medication is tracked, and that the medication itself is free from any discoloration or cloudy appearance.

Until the scope of the impact is clear CVEMSA is also requesting providers retain any expired Epinephrine as additional expiration date extension may be authorized.

Please direct any questions regarding this Special Memo to
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