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MEMORANDUM

To: ILS/ALS Agencies

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Subject: Versed Concentration Change

The recent drug shortages have thrown us another curveball. Anticipated through the end of August there is a shortage of Midazolam (Versed) in our normal concentration of 5 mg / 5 ml. As a result, we have added a line on the ILS and ALS medication replacement log to include the 2mg/2ml concentration. In the event that you utilize versed, and the pharmacy cannot replace your 5/5 midazolam they should restock you with 2 vials of 2mg/2ml.

I am aware that this will leave you 1 mg short. In examining the frequency and dosage of versed given, this is not anticipated to cause a problem for the short time frame that we are expecting this shortage to last.

Currently SJMC is the pharmacy reporting the shortage. However, this is a nationwide shortage, and could spread to other facilities as well.

In your narcotic logs, please document clearly when you perform an exchange and are equipped with only 4 mg instead of 5 to ensure a paper trail for accountability purposes.

If there are any questions regarding this process, please contact Dylan in the EMS Office.