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Medication Shortages_2/1/2019

Date: Friday, February 1, 2019

To: Regional EMS Providers/Agencies

From: Jeremy Green, CSEMS Council

Re: **Drug Shortage Update Affecting Drug Boxes Stocked at Regional Hospitals**

Multiple regional hospital pharmacies including Augusta Health, Sentara RMH, and Carillion Stonewall Jackson, have notified the Council of the following temporary changes to medication supplies in CSEMS drug boxes stocked at those hospitals due to shortages:

Dopamine Shortage – Stock Depleted:

- Drug boxes that do not contain any supply of dopamine will be marked by the pharmacy.
- This shortage affects drug boxes stocked at Augusta Health, Sentara RMH, and Carillion Stonewall Jackson.

Sodium Bicarbonate Shortage – Variable Stock:

- Drug boxes that do not contain any supply of sodium bicarbonate will be marked by the pharmacy. This will mainly impact drug boxes stocked at Carillion Stonewall Jackson.
- Sentara RMH has limited supply of sodium bicarbonate prefilled syringes. Alternatively, drug boxes may be supplied with 50 mEq / 50 ml vials and 60 ml syringes to be used for aspirating the medication from the vials.

Atropine Shortage – Variable Stock:

- Drug boxes that do not contain any supply of atropine will be marked by the pharmacy.
- This shortage affects drug boxes stocked at Carillion Stonewall Jackson only.

For updates and other drug box information, [click here](#). If you have any questions, please contact the CSEMS Council at [\(540\)886-3676](tel:5408863676).

cc: Regional Operational Medical Directors
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