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Midazolam – National Shortage

Due to a National shortage of the County of SLO EMS Agency's authorized Midazolam (5mg/ml in 1ml vials), numerous Policy #205 waivers have been submitted and processed. With this influx of waivers, different concentrations and volumes of Midazolam are currently approved for use throughout SLO County. Please watch for the following:

- Pay close attention to your provider's Midazolam concentration and volume.
- Follow all employer instructions regarding the change of drug concentration and volume.
- If you work for multiple providers, make sure to orient yourself with the concentration and volume that each provider has in stock at the start of each shift.
- There may be more than one change of concentration and volume in the next few months, as the preferred substitute is 5mg/ml in 2ml vials (same concentration, more volume). Stay abreast of all changes.
- Report medication errors as soon as possible to your employer and to the SLO EMS Agency, following your internal reporting structure.
- Providers: Review medication administrations as soon as possible for quality assurance and quality improvement opportunities.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Oakley at roakley@co.slo.ca.us.

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