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TO: MA Licensed Ambulance Services
CC: EMCAB Members
FROM: Jon Burstein, State EMS Medical Director
Abdullah Rehayem, Director
DATE: January 25, 2012
RE: Drug Supply Shortage: Midazolam and other Injectable Benzodiazepines

Currently, the Department of Public Health (Department)/Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) is aware of a nationwide shortage of injectable benzodiazepines, including but not limited to Midazolam, Diazepam and Lorazepam. In circumstances in which parenteral benzodiazepines would be used under the Protocols, but are unavailable, contact medical control for other orders, such as for alternate dosage and forms of benzodiazepines, or alternate classes of medication.

If you have any further questions about these issues, please contact Patricia Reilly, RN, OEMS Clinical Coordinator, or Jon Burstein, MD, preferably by email, at patricia.reilly@state.ma.us or jon.burstein@state.ma.us.