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***** PARAMEDIC ALERT *****

No. 2018-01

Date: January 25, 2018

Topic: Dopamine Premix Shortage

Effective: Immediately

Attention: All El Dorado County ALS Service Agencies/Base Hospitals

The El Dorado County EMS Agency has been advised that the EMS products and medications Distributor is no longer maintaining an inventory of Dopamine Premixed Solutions. This is reportedly due to a manufacturing shortage issue. There is no estimated timeframe for Dopamine becoming available again. Thus, a contingency plan is being implemented until such Dopamine production is again available.

For HYPOTENSION due to uncompensated shock, cardiogenic or distributive shock, please refer to the El Dorado County EMS Formulary guidance on use of Epinephrine Hydrochloride. The instruction for use of Epinephrine can be found under Adult and Pediatric Administration, Hypotension and Impending Arrest pages 20-21.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter,

Please contact the Emergency Medical Services Agency with any questions or clarifications regarding this alert.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Brazzel', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

David Brazzel, MD
Medical Director, El Dorado County EMS Agency