


Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy

Equipment & Supply Shortages

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PURPOSE:

To provide direction to prehospital provider agencies regarding notifications and procedures for current or anticipated equipment/supply shortages.

AUTHORITY:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9.

POLICY:

- A. This policy applies to instances when an equipment/supply shortage is the result of a manufacturers recall, manufacturers back order, or is otherwise confirmed to be unavailable from routine EMS equipment/supply vendors.
- B. Prehospital provider agencies are encouraged to maintain relationships with multiple vendor sources, when possible, in order to prevent or minimize disruption to the delivery of prehospital care.
- C. Prehospital provider agencies shall attempt to procure equipment/supplies from any reasonably available vendor source prior to notifying S-SV EMS and requesting assistance or direction. S-SV EMS notification shall be made timely enough to allow for appropriate action and direction prior to impacting prehospital patient care.

PROCEDURE:

- A. If a prehospital provider agency becomes aware of a current or anticipated supply/equipment shortage beyond their control, they shall first attempt to mitigate the situation utilizing the following means:
 - 1. Attempt to procure the identified equipment/supplies from reasonably available alternate vendor sources.

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2. Complete a full inventory of the identified equipment/supplies (including restock supplies, back up vehicles and any other storage location) and rotate available stock to in-service vehicles.
- B. In the event of an acute equipment or supply shortage (i.e. manufacturer recall), the prehospital provider agency shall immediately notify S-SV EMS.
- C. Once S-SV EMS is notified of a current or anticipated equipment/supply shortage, any of the following actions may be implemented:
1. Assist the prehospital provider agency in identifying other sources to procure the identified equipment/supplies.
 2. Approve a temporary policy variance allowing the prehospital provider agency to utilize the identified equipment/supplies in an alternate method, preparation, or concentration.
 3. Approve a temporary policy variance allowing the prehospital provider agency to stock less than the minimum required inventory of the identified equipment/supplies.
 4. Approve a temporary policy variance allowing the prehospital provider agency to utilize appropriate substitute equipment/supplies.
 5. Other direction as determined by the S-SV EMS Medical Director.
- D. Any S-SV EMS approved variance will be on a temporary basis and apply to the specifically identified equipment/supplies. Prehospital provider agencies shall continually attempt to procure the identified equipment/supplies and keep S-SV EMS updated as to the status of this procurement on a regular basis and/or as requested.
- E. When notified of an acute or potential equipment/supply shortage that has the potential to affect multiple prehospital provider agencies, S-SV EMS will notify other appropriate providers as soon as possible and will provide any necessary direction.