


<b>Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy</b>			
<b>Equipment &amp; Supply Shortages</b>			
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**PURPOSE:**

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

**AUTHORITY:**

- A. HSC, Division 2.5.
- B. CCR, 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 equipment/supply vendors.
- B. EMS 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 EMS prehospital patient care.
- C. EMS prehospital provider agencies shall attempt to procure equipment/supplies from any reasonably available vendor source prior to notifying S-SV EMS and requesting assistance/direction. S-SV EMS notification shall be made timely enough to allow for appropriate assistance/direction prior to impacting EMS prehospital patient care.

**PROCEDURE:**

- A. If an EMS prehospital provider agency becomes aware of a current or anticipated equipment/supply 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/supply shortage (i.e., manufacturer recall), the EMS 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 EMS prehospital provider agency in identifying other sources to procure the identified equipment/supplies.
  2. Approve a temporary policy variance allowing the EMS prehospital provider agency to utilize the identified equipment/supplies in an alternate method, preparation, or concentration.
  3. Approve a temporary policy variance allowing the EMS prehospital provider agency to stock less than the minimum required inventory of the identified equipment/supplies.
  4. Approve a temporary policy variance allowing the EMS prehospital provider agency to utilize appropriate substitute equipment/supplies.
  5. Other direction as determined appropriate by the S-SV EMS Medical Director.
- D. Any S-SV EMS variance will be approved on a temporary basis, and will only apply to the applicable equipment/supply shortage identified. EMS prehospital provider agencies shall continually attempt to procure the identified equipment/supplies, and shall update S-SV EMS on 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 EMS prehospital provider agencies, S-SV EMS will notify appropriate providers as soon as possible and will provide any necessary direction.