





## ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE

**DATE:** August 30, 2022

**To:** San Mateo County Prehospital EMS System Providers

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**SUBJECT:** Use of Expired Medications and/ or Supplies Not Authorized (22-CLN-04)

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The use of expired medications and/ or supplies is not authorized. Expired medications and/ or supplies shall be immediately removed from Ambulance, First Responder, and EMS Supervisor units. Expired medications and/ or supplies shall not be utilized in patient care.

Due to ongoing national shortages of prehospital medication and/ or supply availability, the San Mateo County EMS Agency ("Agency") recognizes that periodic unavailability may occur, resulting in prehospital provider agencies being unable to obtain specific medications and/ or supplies to meet inventory requirements.

Currently, the Agency is unaware of any required prehospital medication or supply which is not available for procurement. Should a provider agency be unable to obtain any required medication or supply in date in sufficient quantity to meet policy requirements, the Agency shall be timely notified. The Agency will evaluate the situation and consider alternatives which may include authorization of a temporary extension for the use of expired medications and/ or supplies. Any such directive will be issued in writing and will be rescinded when availability is restored.

