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SUBJECT: SODIUM BICARBONATE SHORTAGE

The Food and Drug Administration has released notification the sodium bicarbonate is in shortage for an indefinite time.

To address this issue, Orange County ALS Providers are asked to maintain current stocks of sodium bicarbonate beyond labeled expiration and continue to use that sodium bicarbonate until supplies of the medication again become available.

Orange County EMS will monitor the availability of sodium bicarbonate and provide notification when it is again generally available for resupply.

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