



<b>Operational Policy</b>		<b>3306</b>
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Policy: <b>Alternative Medications</b>	Approval: Medical Director <b>Reza Vaezazizi, MD</b>	Signed 
Applies To: <b>EMT, AEMT, PM, MICN, BHP, EMS System</b>	Approval: REMSA Director <b>Bruce Barton</b>	Signed 

**PURPOSE**

To allow and regulate the use of alternative concentrations and/or volumes when the REMSA authorized concentrations and/or volumes cannot be obtained due to limited supplies.

**AUTHORITY**

[California Health and Safety Code - Division 2.5: Emergency Medical Services \[1797. - 1799.207.\]](#)  
[California Code of Regulations, Title 22. Social Security, Division 9. Prehospital Emergency Medical Services](#)

**Procedure**

In the absence of supply limitations, continue to “use only REMSA authorized medications in the required REMSA concentrations as found in the REMSA Drug and Equipment List, and in the ‘Medication’ column of” the REMSA Calculation Chart.

If limited supplies must be addressed by the use of REMSA authorized medications in alternative concentrations and/or volumes:

1. Obtain medication in an alternative concentration and/or volume when the REMSA authorized concentration and/or volume cannot be obtained due to limited supplies.
2. Place a high-visibility red sticker on each alternative medication obtained.
3. Follow the first response and/or transport agency’s internal policy for alternative medication distribution, notification of staff, and field calculation of volumes that supply REMSA required dosages.
4. Notify the REMSA Duty Officer immediately, and follow with written notification within 72 hours.
5. Field staff may then use the medication in the alternative concentration and/or volume.
6. The first response and/or transport agency’s internal policy must provide for a 100% continuous quality improvement (CQI) review of each use of medication in an alternative concentration and/or volume.
7. Provide written notification of each use of medication in an alternative concentration and/or volume to REMSA within 72 hours.
8. In the absence of alternative concentration and/or volume availability, REMSA must be notified utilizing the REMSA Medication Waiver form.