



## Northwest Community EMS System

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**System Memo: # 337**

To: All System Members; Linda Reimel

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RE: **Midazolam (Versed) stock adjustment**

### Today's NEWS:

The ongoing drug shortage has resulted in many of our hospitals being out or almost out of midazolam (Versed).

#### **To follow up on the Education Alert sent last weekend – please do the following immediately:**

- Pull all Versed (midazolam) from reserve ambulances and MedEngines
- Adjust controlled substance logs accordingly.
- Work with your assigned hospital EMSC and pharmacy to determine how stock pulled from other vehicles can best be recycled into use on frontline ambulances if hospitals cannot replace Midazolam.
- If these steps still result in an inability to stock two (2) Midazolam on each front-line ambulance, reduce stock to one (1) during this emergency.

We are submitting an emergency SOP to IDPH and the Region IX Resource Hospitals seeking to use Valium (diazepam) and/or Ativan (lorazepam). We will try to expedite this as quickly as possible and will let you know our next steps as soon as the needed authorizations are received.

Stay tuned...