



# UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

## MEMORANDUM

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July 11, 2025

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Captain Holmes

SUBJECT: Expired Amiodarone

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We continue to experience a shortage of Amiodarone; we are hopeful of replenishing our supply within the coming weeks.

Dr. BZ, after consultation with the State's Medical Director, has determined that we can continue to safely use the expired Amiodarone during prehospital care.

Here is a summary of the Utah Medication Shortage Procedure

- Use of expired medications is at the discretion of the EMS agency and must be approved by the agency medical director.
- Expired medications must be kept in reserve; EMS agencies & providers must use all their supply of a medication that has not passed the expiration date prior to administering expired medications.
- When unexpired medications are obtained by the EMS agency, the use of expired medications will cease.
- When possible, patients should give consent for use of expired medications.
  - This, of course, is best practice. Amiodarone is typically given during a critical event when consent is implied.
  - Family members can and should be informed of the shortage and use of expired medications, relative safety of doing so, and can be offered the right to refuse.

Utah EMS Medication Shortage Procedure

Please direct any questions to Captain Eric Holmes.