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Dear Healthcare Provider,

The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) recognizes the current resource-constrained environment in caring for COVID-19 patients. There have been sporadic reports of spot shortages of some of the medications needed to care for intensive care unit (ICU)/ventilated patients; some of these medications may be found in pre-positioned CHEMPACK containers.

The CHEMPACK containers in or near your facility may contain medications that are lifesaving for COVID-19 patients. If these CHEMPACK medications are needed immediately to save a life, then they may be accessed from the CHEMPACK container and used if there are no other avenues to obtain them.

The following is a list of medications that may be available in CHEMPACK containers that could be applicable to the care of COVID-19 patients:

ATROPINE	NDC
Atropine Sulfate Injection USP 8mg/20ml (0.4mg/ml) 20mL Multi-Dose Vial, Baxter	10019-250-20
AtroPen® Auto-Injector 0.5 mg/0.7mL, Meridian Medical Technologies, Inc.	11704-104-01
AtroPen® Auto-Injector 1 mg/0.7 mL, Meridian Medical Technologies, Inc.	11704-105-01
Atropine Sulfate Injection USP, 0.5mg/0.7ml (Auto-Injector), Rafa laboratories, Ltd.	71053-590-01
Atropine Sulfate Injection USP, 1mg/0.7ml (Auto-Injector), Rafa laboratories, Ltd.	71053-591-01
Atropine Sulfate Injection USP, 2mg/0.7ml (Auto-Injector), Rafa laboratories, Ltd.	71053-592-01
MIDAZOLAM	NDC
Seizalam (midazolam) 5mg/ml, 10ml vial, Hospira, Inc.	11704-650-10
DIAZEPAM	NDC
Diazepam Solution for Injection USP 50mg/10ml (5mg/mL) 10mL Multi-dose Vial, Hospira, Inc.	0409-3213-12
Diazepam Injection USP 10mg Automatic (Autoinjector), Meridian Medical Technologies, Inc.	11704-600-01

Because of packaging configurations, US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) labeled indications, FDA approval status, extended expiration dates, or other reasons, certain regulatory mechanisms may normally apply to the use of these medications. However, since the assets are in place in or near your facility and will be used as part of a physician-patient relationship, off label uses of these medications are allowable and would not require an additional regulatory mechanism. Medications showing an expiration date that has already passed have either undergone potency and stability testing through the Shelf Life Extension Program (SLEP), a program jointly supported by FDA and the Department of Defense, or they may have been granted dating extensions via FDA's review of scientific data. These lots continue to meet the required specifications and are safe for continued use. New expiration dates have been assigned and have previously been provided to the CHEMPACK locations in the form of a Dear Healthcare Provider letter. The Dear Healthcare Provider letters are also on file with the CHEMPACK program at the SNS.

We ask that after removing what is needed from the container, that you please replace and latch the door of the CHEMPACK container so that we can maintain the integrity of the remaining items under the current monitoring program. Please also notify the CHEMPACK program at sns.ops@cdc.gov, to inform them of what has been removed from the container, as well as the location of the container. Please note that the SNS will not be able to replenish any items that have been removed from the CHEMPACK containers. Any questions should be referred to sns.ops@cdc.gov.