

Policy Name: <b>Minimum Equipment &amp; Medication Policy</b>	
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**Purpose:**

To define the minimum Advanced Life Support (ALS) Equipment required by Advanced Life Support Service agencies, and to define the practitioner’s responsibility for conducting inventory of that equipment. To define medication shortage reporting requirements.

**Policy:**

1. No specific par levels of equipment or medication have been established by the HVREMSCO.
2. Each set of ALS gear, at minimum, shall include adequate quantities of medication, supplies and equipment to meet the current ALS collaborative treatment protocols to effectively treat 1 patient.
3. The practitioner(s) on each in-service ALS unit is responsible for conducting daily equipment checks, meeting all regulations & requirements, and shall file a record of said inventory at the agency.
4. In addition to the above requirements agencies working with their medical director can select equipment and quantities that meet their needs.
5. When using ampules, the use of filtered needles is appropriate.

**Guidelines:**

All equipment carried for use in providing patient care must be maintained in accordance with the manufacturers’ recommendations. All supplies, medications and fluids shall be within their respective expiration dates and in accordance with NYS DOH Part 800 & BEMS Policy Statements.

**Shortages:**

Each agency is strongly encouraged to continually assess the required medications and contact their respective vendors regarding any pharmaceuticals noted to be in short supply. Pharmaceutical orders may take significant time to process, and agencies must plan accordingly. The FDA Current Drug Shortage Index is available at:

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/drug-shortages>.

Medications in short supply and of which the agency is unable to replenish, are to be reported to the HVREMSCO office.

For further information consult NYS DOH BEMS Policy Statement(s) on Alternative Medication Formulary for Prehospital Drug Shortages.