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TO: EMS System Participants  
FROM: Humberto Ochoa, Medical Director *HO*  
DATE: August 16, 2011  
SUBJECT: Extension of Magnesium Expiration Dates

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The FDA is reporting short supplies of magnesium sulfate for injection:

<http://www.fda.gov/drugs/drugsafety/drugshortages/ucm050792.htm>

Any paramedic first response agency or transport service that cannot obtain sufficient supplies may continue to use their current stock of magnesium for up to one year after the listed expiration date. This is an emergency measure. As soon as supplies become available we will return to normal use and rotation based on expiration dates.