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MEMORANDUM

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RE: Rapid Sequence Intubation Kits

The Office of Licensure and Certification (OLC) would like to notify your facility of a growing problem being frequently found by the medical facilities inspectors (MFIs) during surveys at other hospitals. The problem involves the current supply of Succinylcholine as part of their rapid sequence intubation kit and the availability of the recovery/reversal agent Dantrolene, commonly stocked in Emergency Departments. If it is found during survey by the MFIs with the OLC that these agents are not available or have expired, then an Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) situation would exist and be cited.

The results of this type of situation will be forwarded to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Upon their review, several remedies could be imposed by CMS Regional Office and the State Medicaid Agency (Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services). Those agencies will notify you about any remedy they intend to impose.

If you have any questions concerning the information contained in this notice, please contact our office at 804-367-2104.

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