Dear EMS Coordinators -

First let me apologize if this note did not reach you on the first go around or if you are receiving multiple copies of this same note. We are experiencing "technical difficulties" with our email list.

As you know several years ago the department undertook a preparedness project that purchased and provided Atropens to our EMS agencies in the 57 counties outside NYC. After our last resupply, about 3 years ago, these Atropens are or will be expiring shortly. The department does not have any plans or budget to purchase or resupply these auto-injectors once they expire.

Questions have been asked as to whether expiration dates can be extended, and that would have to be a question you ask of the FDA and not one which the Bureau can answer. I would think that the variations in storage conditions on the ambulances, temperature range exposures and other environmental factors would all impact the product and it's storage.

Any expired Atropens should be treated as would any other medication which is or has expired and disposed of locally by the EMS agency following their existing policies regarding handling of expired medication and sharps

I hope this answers your questions. Thanks and take care.

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