



**Mid-State
Regional Emergency Medical
Advisory Committee**

**Policy Statement
#23-01**

**EMS Agency Medical
Directors**

Effective Date: 03/30/2023

RE: Glucagon Shortage

Glucagon has been on a national shortage for several months, posing an issue for EMS Agencies to obtain it. Additionally, due to the shortage, glucagon has become costly for the Midstate Regional EMS Agencies.

In February, the Midstate Program Agency assisted with submitting a letter to the New York State Department of Health Bureau of EMS and Trauma Systems regarding the use of the GVOKE Hypopen. The GVOKE Hypopen is a timed glucagon auto-injector.

On 03/29/2023, the Midstate Program Agency received word that due to the GVOKE Hypopen aligns with the Collaborative Protocol dosing as well as same administration route, that it can be approved at the level of the Agency Medical Director.

Additionally, if an EMS Agency elects to utilize the GVOKE Hypopen, the agency should carry the following:

- 1- Adult 1mg GVOKE Hypopen**
- 1- Pediatric 0.5 mg GVOKE Hypopen**