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Effective 11/16/11, this interim protocol was approved by the Medical Directions and Practice Board and may be used only during a time when fentanyl is not available.

Prior to implementation, Maine EMS must be notified about the shortage and the anticipated length of time this interim protocol may be necessary.

PAIN MANAGEMENT
(including Red 3, Red 6, Green 17)

CRITICAL CARE/PARAMEDIC

Follow the current protocols, except that where fentanyl is referenced, replace with the following:

Morphine Sulfate

1. 0.1 mg/kg IV initial dose (max = 10 mg)

2. May repeat at 0.05 mg/kg (max = 10 mg) every 5 minutes, titrate to effect, as needed for a max dose of 0.3 mg/kg

3. For additional dosing, contact OLMC

For other situations (e.g. interfacility transfer), follow appropriate medical control orders.