

APPENDIX J  
Essential Medications, Durable Medical Equipment (DME) & Consumable Medical  
Supplies (CMS) Procurement  
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FAST will have the task of assisting in the procurement of essential medications, Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Consumable Medical Supplies (CMS) for PAFN in shelters. FAST should follow the principles of SEMS during the request process unless the FAST is assigned to an American Red Cross (ARC) or government-run shelter and instructed otherwise by the shelter manager.

The following assumptions are made regarding the procurement of essential medications, DME and CMS:

1. All requests for will be done through the FAST leaders or their designees to the shelter manager.
2. Unless otherwise instructed, all requests will follow the principles of SEMS.
3. FAST will develop a process for insuring that the medication, DME and /or CMS is received by the person it is intended for, and will be returned when, and if no longer needed.

In ARC and government-run shelters, once the shelter is established, the following will in some cases be in place:

1. Over-the-counter type medicines (i.e. ibuprofen, etc).
2. RNs, Drs., pharmacists, etc. may be in shelters or available by phone to prescribe/refill medications.
3. Secured/refrigerated medication storage.
4. A separate health screening area.

In non-ARC/government shelters or if/when the FAST arrives the above items are not in place, the FAST should attempt to establish them as needed