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CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER

Naloxone Administration by Emergency Medical Technicians - Paramedics

This waiver grants relief, in part, from the following provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:41 (Advanced Life Support Services; Mobile Intensive Care Programs; Specialty Care Transport Services; and Air Medical Services), which contain Standing Orders for the administration of Naloxone:

N.J.A.C. 8:41-7.18(a)(5)(iii); (iv) – Standing Orders for Unconscious Person/Altered Mental Status

(a) The following standing orders are authorized in the event that an adult patient is unconscious or presents with altered mental status. The treatment of an unconscious person/altered mental status patient shall be directed by the suspected etiology of the event. Specific orders may be omitted by an ALS crewmember if the order does not pertain to the suspected etiology of the medical emergency:

5. If the blood reagent strip indicates a blood glucose level less than 60 mg/dl;
 - i. Administer 25 gm of 50 percent Dextrose in water intravenously;
 - (1) If unable to establish IV access, administer 1 mg Glucagon intramuscularly, and;
 - ii. Administer 100 mg Thiamine IV;
 - iii. **If there is no response to (a)5i and ii above, or if the blood glucose level is greater than 60 mg/dl, administer up to 2 mg Naloxone IV. Start with 1 mg and titrate the dose to reversal of any respiratory depression;**
 - iv. **If IV access is unobtainable administer Naloxone 2 mg IM; and**
6. Contact the medical command physician.

N.J.A.C. 8:41-8.11(a)(7) – Standing Orders for Pediatric Altered Mental Status

(a) The following standing orders are authorized in the event that a pediatric patient presents with altered mental status:

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7. If no change in the patient's status, administer Naloxone 0.1 mg/kg, with a maximum dose of 2 mg via IV/IO/ET;

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9. Contact the medical command physician.

Scope of Waiver:

The Department of Health hereby waives the limit of 2.0 mg of Naloxone in the above-referenced provisions to allow for administration of Naloxone using commercially available devices and to provide the Medical Director of each agency the flexibility to determine appropriate dosing.

Administration of Naloxone by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) continues to be subject to all applicable law, rules, standing orders and protocols.

This waiver remains valid until the expiration date listed below, unless sooner suspended or revoked by the Department.



By: _____
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EXPIRES: Upon adoption of revised regulations (N.J.A.C. 8:41)