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CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER for the Collection of Blood

Pursuant to the Provisions of the New Jersey Administrative Code, specifically, N.J.A.C. 8:8-1.7, a waiver is issued to:

All Licensed Blood Collection facilities granting relief
from the following provisions of Chapter 8 of Title 8 of the New Jersey Administrative Code:

N.J.A.C. 8:8-8.2 Donor's Emergency Care

(a) Blood shall be drawn from donors only when donor emergency care personnel are available on the premises in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:8-2.3 (d)

AND

N.J.A.C. 8:8-2.3 Blood Bank Personnel

(d) Donor or transfusion emergency care personnel qualifications shall be as follows:

1. A physician licensed in the State or a registered nurse (R.N.) holding a current certificate of registration who has fulfilled the following requirements:

i. Has taken an eight-hour course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for health care providers and holds a current CPR certification.

This waiver is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The blood bank director must make a reasonable effort to schedule a physician who holds a current New Jersey license or a registered nurse who holds a current New Jersey license to be onsite for all blood collection drives, including permanent collection sites.

2. If, after reasonable effort is made to schedule a physician or registered nurse to be onsite for a blood collection drive, the blood bank director determines that one is not available, then the blood bank director shall:

   a. Schedule a physician or registered nurse to be available via synchronous two-way interactive telehealth, consistent with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 45:1-61 to -66; and

b. Shall have Alternative Donor Emergency Care Personnel (ADECP) onsite when blood/blood products are to be collected and donors are present.

3. The ADECP utilized when blood/blood products are collected must:

   a. Meet training, education and experience requirements established by the blood bank director;

   b. Possess, at a minimum, a valid certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to the level of the Professional Rescuer or Health Care Provider as issued by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or the National Safety Council;

   c. Possess a current basic first aid certification issued by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross or the National Safety Council; and

   d. Have readily available either land line or cell phone communications to immediately call 9-1-1 for assistance in the event of a medical emergency.

4. The blood bank shall create and maintain a standard operating procedure outlining the requirements for the use of a physician or registered nurse via synchronous two-way interactive telehealth and the onsite ADECP when blood/blood products are being collected.

5. The blood bank director shall ensure that the blood/blood product collections are conducted in accordance with the standard operating procedure established under paragraph 4 above.

6. The blood bank shall maintain accurate records documenting all occurrences when the blood bank director authorized the use of a physician or registered nurse via synchronous two-way interactive telehealth and had ADECP onsite when blood/blood products were collected, including:

   a. the date and location of the blood/blood product collections; and

   b. the name and signature of the blood bank director who authorized and the rationale for the use of a physician or registered nurse via synchronous two-way interactive telehealth and the use of the onsite ADECP when blood/blood products were collected, including the reasonable efforts made to schedule a physician or registered nurse to be onsite when blood/blood products were being collected.

7. The blood bank shall report, monthly, if possible, but no less than quarterly to the Department any adverse donor events that occurred when blood/blood products were being collected, including the date, location, type of adverse event, onsite medical intervention, and whether a physician or registered nurse via synchronous two-way interactive telehealth and ADECP were available at the time of each adverse event.

8. This waiver does not apply to and may not be used when blood is to be collected for the express purpose of autologous collection or maternal/fetal collection that is not conducted in a general hospital.

9. For the circumstances set forth in paragraph 8 above, the blood bank must comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:8-8.2(a) and N.J.A.C. 8:8-2.3(d) as originally promulgated.

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