

OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS

NON-PATIENT SPECIFIC IMMUNIZATIONS AND ANAPHYLAXIS

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NON-PATIENT SPECIFIC STANDING ORDER AND PROTOCOL GUIDELINES

INFORMATION FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

CPR

All RNs involved in the administration of immunizing agents in accordance with a non-patient specific standing order and protocol must be currently certified in CPR by the American Red Cross, American Heart Association or an equivalent organization acceptable to the Department.

IMMUNIZING AGENTS

- The list of authorized immunizing agents differs for adults and children.

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE OBLIGATIONS

PROTOCOL
REQUIREMENTS

PRESCRIBER OBLIGATIONS

Non-patient specific standing orders for immunizations must contain the following:

EITHER

- Language authorizing RNs to administer immunizations;
- Name(s) and license number(s) of RNs individually authorized to administer the prescribed immunizations or the name of the entity legally authorized to employ or contract with RNs to provide nursing services including administering prescribed immunizations thus eliminating the need to name all RNs individually.
- Language authorizing RNs to administer immunization(s) or anaphylactic agent(s).
- Names and license numbers of RNs individually authorized to administer prescribed medications.

OR

- Name of the entity which is legally authorized to employ or contract with RNs to provide nursing service of immunizations and anaphylactic treatment.
- A statement that RNs not individually named may administer immunization or anaphylactic treatment agents only within the employment or contract situation identified in the standing order.
- The specific immunizing agents that the RNs are authorized to administer.
- The period of time that the order is effective including beginning and ending dates
- A protocol prescribing actions to be taken by an RN when administering immunizations in accordance with the non-patient specific standing order.
- The name, license number and signature of the prescribing physician, or certified nurse practitioner.
- Records of medications provided must be maintained for six years or as otherwise provided by law.