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Certificate of Waiver

Pursuant to the provision of the New Jersey Administrative Code, specifically N.J.A.C. 8:41-1.4, a waiver is issued to:

All New Jersey Mobile Intensive Care Programs

Granting specific relief, waiving from the following provision(s) of Chapters 41 of the New Jersey Administrative Code:

- 1. To make generic the requirement that Mobile Intensive Care Units carry a narcotic analgesic.

Specifically, the following changes shall apply:

SUBCHAPTER 6. ADMINISTRATION AND STORAGE OF MEDICATIONS

8:41-6.1 Medications and therapeutic agents

- (a) The following medications and therapeutic agents are approved for utilization by ALS crewmembers. Each vehicle shall be equipped with the following medications and therapeutic agents in sufficient quantities to allow for the administration of therapeutic doses of the medication or agent:

- 15. Morphine Sulfate Narcotic Analgesic

Justification: Because of advances in pharmacology, Mobile Intensive Care Programs should have the flexibility to select the most effective medication within the class, rather than a particular medication. In this specific case, a Mobile Intensive Care Program has requested to discontinue carrying morphine sulfate and only carry Fentanyl (previously approved by Waiver Control Number: 05-8:41-6.1(b)-20. Date issued: November 1, 2005.)

The body of clinical evidence suggests that Fentanyl:

- has fewer side effect than morphine sulfate;
• is shorter-acting than morphine sulfate; and
• carrying fewer narcotic analgesics reduces the chances of medication error and limits opportunities for diversion.

Department Review: The Department has reviewed the body of clinical evidence provided to determine both safety and clinical benefit and has determined, on the basis of the evidence provided, that this clinical strategy should be rated:

Class (Strength) of Recommendation: Class IIA
Level (Quality) of Evidence: Level B-NR

Terms & Conditions: Prior to implementation of this protocol, all Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics and Mobile Intensive Care Nurses are provided with in-service training on the revised protocol and any new routes of administration that are approved by the program.

Duration: This waiver is shall remain in effect until to the current version of N.J.A.C. 8:41 has been revised.

For: Cathleen D. Bennett, Commissioner

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