

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PROCLAMATION TO MODIFY THE PROFESSIONAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/7), the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a proclamation declaring that a public health emergency related to the H1N1 influenza virus exists within the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law (20 ILCS 2310/2310-625), upon the proclamation by the Governor, the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health (Department) has emergency powers which shall be exercised in coordination with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR); and

WHEREAS, the Director's emergency powers include the power to modify the scope of practice restrictions under the Emergency Medical Services Systems Act (EMS Act) (210 ILCS 50/et seq.) for any persons who are licensed under that Act (20 ILCS 2310/2310-625 (a)(2); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the EMS Act, the Department has the authority to license and regulate Emergency Medical Technicians, including the following categories of Emergency Medical Technicians - Intermediate; and Emergency Medical Technicians - Paramedic; and

WHEREAS, the Department has coordinated the exercise of Director's emergency powers related to the expansion of scope of practice for emergency medical technicians with IEMA and IDFPR; and

WHEREAS, the administration of influenza vaccines is necessary to combat or prevent the spread of the H1N1 influenza virus and to protect the public health;

THEREFORE, I, Damon T. Arnold, M.D., M.P.H., hereby order the following:

Section 3.55 of the EMS Act, and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, are hereby modified to authorize individuals licensed or certified under the EMS Act as an Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate or as an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic to administer H1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccines according to IDPH instructions for designated vaccinators, after successful completion of a Department-

approved vaccine training program, and as authorized by the EMS Medical Director for the jurisdiction where vaccinations are being administered.

Vaccinations administered by Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate or Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic must be under the authorization of the EMS Medical Director. Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediates and Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics are prohibited from acting under the modified scopes of practice except where they are responding to a request for assistance from a certified local health department or hospital and working under the direction of IEMA and IDPH or an IEMA-certified emergency services and disaster agency or a certified local health department. A practitioner with a modified scope of practice shall not utilize the modified scope of practice in any private practice or individual setting unless operating pursuant to a vaccine provider agreement with IDPH.

PROCLAIMED AND ISSUED BY:

Damon T. Arnold, M.D., MPH

2/5/10

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Director of Public Health

Date