



## CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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### DRUG CONTROL DIVISION

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## GUIDANCE

### **Delivery of “Stat” Doses of Noncontrolled Medications by Non-Licensed Hospital Employees Via Hand-To-Hand Transfer; Delivery of Noncontrolled Medications, for Purposes of General Restocking, to Automated Dispensing Machines (ADMs) Located on the Hospital’s Campus**

Medications (over-the-counter & noncontrolled legend drugs) from the pharmacy department within a licensed hospital may be delivered by non-licensed hospital employees for the purposes of “stat” doses, via hand-to-hand transfer, to a licensed nurse or licensed practitioner (i.e., M.D., D.O., PA, APRN, etc.), or to ADMs for purposes of general restocking, provided the following is in place:

1. The non-licensed hospital employee has received comprehensive training from a licensed pharmacist regarding the proper procedures for delivering “stat” doses, via hand-to-hand transfer, to licensed nurses or licensed practitioners, and delivering and accessing the hospital’s ADMs for purposes of general restocking as dictated by the situation.
2. A licensed pharmacist has verified the medication(s) to be delivered to a nurse or licensed practitioner for “stat” use, or delivered to ADM(s) for general restocking, prior to the medication(s) leaving the pharmacy; and the licensed pharmacist has provided the non-licensed hospital employee, either verbally or through written communication, the name and location of the nurse or licensed practitioner who is to receive the “stat” dose, or the location(s) of the ADM(s) to be restocked by the non-licensed hospital employee along with the corresponding medication(s) or both.
3. The non-licensed hospital employee has been granted access to the ADM(s) by the ADM Pharmacy Manager.
4. The ADM(s) utilize barcode scanning to aide in the restocking of the machine(s).
5. All discrepancies shall be resolved per protocol or reported to the Drug Control Division as required.

*Non-licensed hospital employees delivering medication pursuant to this guidance document do not count toward the pharmacist-to-pharmacy technician ratio.*

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