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OEMS COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT 19-02

Date: February 11, 2019

To: All Connecticut licensed and certified EMS organizations
All Connecticut EMS Instructors
All Connecticut EMS sponsor hospital medical directors
All Connecticut EMS sponsor hospital clinical coordinators

From: Raffaella Coler, RN, Med, Paramedic 
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Re; EMT Scope of Practice Expansion: Intramuscular Epinephrine by Syringe

Effective immediately, through the approval of the Connecticut EMS Medical Advisory Committee and the Commissioner of Public Health, the Connecticut EMT provider scope of practice has, pursuant to section 19a-179a of the Connecticut General Statutes been expanded to include the administration of intramuscular epinephrine by traditional syringe in cases of anaphylaxis.

Services are not prohibited from using epinephrine auto injectors. Implementation of this this expansion is only with the approval of the sponsor hospital.

The Commissioner has approved a training program developed by the Education and Training Committee of the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board. This program is available in the "Education and Training" section of the OEMS website. All affiliated EMT level personnel should receive this training prior to the implementation of this expansion. No additional "MIC and Authorized Skills" documentation is required. EMT level EMS instructors should seek training from a paramedic level EMS instructor prior to providing this training to other EMTs.

Epinephrine administration continues to be a skill reserved to the EMT level and above. EMR personnel are not permitted to administer epinephrine by either means.



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