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SUBJECT: Alaska EMTs performing vaccination administration under 7 AAC 26.670 approval

In the past years, the Office of EMS has received inquiries to about Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) being able to administer vaccinations during Point of Distribution (PoD) exercise(s), vaccination clinics or other non-declared disaster programs. Under current Alaska EMS Scope of Practice set out in 7 AAC 26.040, and following 7 AAC 26.670, an EMS Medical Director may authorize an EMT to administer vaccinations under their direct or indirect supervision. This letter outlines the process for department approval.

To meet the regulatory provision for department approval of *Additional Medications and Procedures* as set out in 7 AAC 26.670, an EMS Service medical director must:

7 AAC 26.670 Approval of Additional Medications and Procedures

- (a) In order for a medical director to authorize a state-certified EMT-I, EMT-II, or EMT-III to use additional medications or procedures not covered under 7 AAC 26.040(a), (b), or (c), the medical director shall
- (1) submit to the department a request for approval; the request must include a plan for training and evaluation covering the additional skills; and
 - 2) if the request is approved, following the training and evaluation, send the department a list of individuals who are authorized to use the additional medications or procedures.
- (b) The department will maintain a list of the approved additional medications or procedures for an authorized EMT-I, EMT-II, or EMT-III.

A letter signed by the service Medical Director must be submitted with the name and certification number of the individuals participating in the administration of vaccinations, and who completed a training program inclusive of the following topics.

- basic pharmacological information of the vaccine
- contraindications, side-effects, signs and symptoms of allergic reactions and treatment protocol
- assessment for previous allergic reactions, history of Guillain-Barre syndrome or other sequela prior to administration of the vaccine
- vaccination after-care (if required)

Please contact me if you have any further questions.