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SUBJECT: Epinephrine Auto-Injector Approval Process

TO: Basic Life Support Ambulance and Quick Response Services

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The following procedures have been adopted by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (Department), EMS Office, for the approval for basic life support (BLS) ambulance services and quick response services (QRS) to procure and carry epinephrine auto-injectors:

1. The BLS ambulance service or quick response service QRS must complete the requirements established by the Department for epinephrine auto-injector use by BLS services. This includes the completion of the Epinephrine Auto-Injector Training Module (Course # 004124) and adherence to BLS Statewide Protocol #411 Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis.
2. The service must submit a written request to the regional EMS council in its area to be approved to carry the epinephrine auto-injectors, along with documentation that the service has completed all of the requirements.
3. The regional EMS council will verify that the service has completed all of the requirements to carry and use the epinephrine auto-injectors, with the exception of their purchase.
4. Upon verification, the regional EMS council will make a recommendation to the EMS Office that approval be given to the service to procure and carry the epinephrine auto-injectors.
5. The EMS Office will review the recommendation and, if approved, provide a letter to the service authorizing the service to procure the epinephrine auto-injectors with its medical director's prescription.
6. After the epinephrine auto-injectors have been procured by the service, the regional EMS council will conduct an inspection of the service to verify that

the service meets all of the requirements of the program including the specific types and quantities of the epinephrine auto-injectors. The regional EMS council will then forward the inspection report to the EMS Office.

7. The EMS Office will include all relevant paperwork as part of the service's record maintained by the EMS Office.
8. The EMS Office will maintain a listing of all approved services.

Any questions regarding the program or the approval process should be directed to Mr. Robert H. Gaumer at (717) 787-8740 or through e-mail at rgaumer@state.pa.us.

Attachments: Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis Protocol (#411)
Epinephrine Auto-Injector Training Module (Course # 004124)
Epinephrine Auto-Injector Requirements and Recommendations for BLS Services