



STANDING ORDER TO DISPENSE AND ADMINISTER EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS FOR MANAGEMENT OF ANAPHYLAXIS FOLLOWING COVID-19 VACCINATION IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

Authority: This standing order is issued under the authority of the *Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19* issued by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, as amended, and the *PREP Act Authorization for State Public Health Officials to Prescribe, Administer, Deliver, Distribute, and Dispense COVID-19 Covered Countermeasures* issued by Washington State Secretary of Health Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, and all other applicable authority. The foregoing, in relevant part, authorize the Secretary of Health to prescribe products manufactured, used, designed, developed, modified, licensed or procured to mitigate, prevent, treat, or cure a serious or life-threatening disease or condition caused by COVID-19 vaccines, such as epinephrine auto-injectors for anaphylaxis following COVID-19 vaccination.

Purpose: The purpose of this standing order is to facilitate long-term care facilities acquiring epinephrine auto-injectors in preparation for the management of anaphylaxis following COVID-19 vaccination of long-term care facility residents and staff. COVID-19 vaccination sites should have at least three doses of epinephrine available at all times.

Authorization: This standing order authorizes:

- Pharmacists to dispense and deliver epinephrine auto-injectors to any administrator of a long-term care facility or his or her designee;
- Any long-term care facility and any long-term care facility administrator, and any designee thereof, to possess, store, and deliver epinephrine auto-injectors obtained pursuant hereto; and
- The administration of epinephrine using auto-injectors dispensed pursuant to this standing order to long-term care facility residents and staff by health care providers who are licensed or otherwise authorized pursuant to applicable law to administer it.

Terms and Conditions:

- Long-term care facilities include nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family homes, supported living agencies, residential habilitation centers, and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.
- Long-term care facility residents include current and incoming residents and staff.
- Any provider administering epinephrine auto-injectors dispensed pursuant to this standing order must comply with the manufacturer's FDA-approved instructions and *Medical Management of Vaccine Reactions in Adults in a Community Setting* issued by the Washington State Health Officer¹, including the requirement to report anaphylaxis following COVID-19 vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS).

¹ Accessible at

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/HealthcareProviders/VaccineInformationforHealthcareProviders/ClinicalInformation>.

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Epinephrine Auto-Injector Dispensing Procedures

This standing order is a prescription authorizing pharmacists to dispense and deliver the following to any long-term care facility administrator or his or her designee:

Dispense: **Three or more epinephrine auto-injectors (0.3 mg/0.3 mL)**

To be administered in dosage recommended in *Medical Management of Vaccine Reactions in Adults in a Community Setting* and in accordance with manufacturer's FDA-approved instructions.

Refills: As needed.

Labeling: Labeling requirements under state law (RCW 69.41.050, RCW 18.64.246, WAC 246-945-06, and WAC 246-945-018) do not apply to the dispensing of epinephrine auto-injectors pursuant to this standing order as they are preempted by federal law for purposes of this standing order.



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Physician Signature and License No.

Date

Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health

Physician Name and Title (Printed)

Expiration

This standing order will automatically expire when either the *Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19* issued by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, as amended, or the *PREP Act Authorization for State Public Health Officials to Prescribe, Administer, Deliver, Distribute, and Dispense COVID-19 Covered Countermeasures* issued by Washington State Secretary of Health Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, is rescinded or terminated.