

Scope of Practice: Prescribing and Dispensing Medication in Declared Public Health Emergency

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When an emergency declaration is in effect, an individual working in a local health department who has authority to prescribe can supervise or direct the dispensing of a vaccine, antiviral, antibiotic, or other prescription medication to any of the following: the contacts of a patient, any person working in or receiving treatment in a triage situation, and any person working in the delivery of medical or emergency services or who might have a direct impact on public health. An individual may dispense medications without a pharmacist license, but the individual must follow the written protocol(s) of the local health department.

Dispensing of Medication

(1) After receiving medication distributed by the Department, the medical director or other person with authority to prescribe working in a local health department, may supervise or direct the dispensing of a vaccine, antiviral, antibiotic or other prescription medication that is not a controlled substance, under:

- (a) a prescription or other lawful order by a person with authority to prescribe,
- (b) the prescription procedure described in Section 58-17b-620(4),
- (c) other procedures described in a written protocol approved by the medical director of the Department, or
- (d) other conditions justifying the dispensing of the medication without a prescription, including the terms of an

Emergency Use Authorization to:

- (i) the contacts of a patient (contact of a patient with a physician patient relationship);
- (ii) an individual working in a triage situation;
- (iii) an individual receiving preventative or medical treatment in a triage situation;
- (iv) an individual who does not have coverage for the prescription in the individual's health insurance plan;

(v) an individual involved in the delivery of medical or other emergency services; or

(vi) an individual who otherwise may have a direct impact on public health.

(2) If the person dispensing the vaccine, antiviral, antibiotic or other prescription medication is not a licensed pharmacist authorized to dispense medications under Title 58 Chapter 17b, the dispensing shall be conducted according to a written protocol approved by the medical director of the Department or the local health department.

(3) If the person dispensing the vaccine, antiviral, antibiotic or other prescription medication is not licensed to dispense, they shall follow procedures described in a written protocol approved by the medical director of the Department or the local health department.