



To: Qualified Entities per Act 657 (2024 Regular Legislative Session)
From: Louisiana Department of Health
Re: Standing orders for dispensing, administration, and protocols-Emergency Use Medications
Date: April 1, 2025

Dear Qualified Entity,

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is pleased to share the attached materials pursuant to Act 657 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session (enacting La. R.S. 40:1146, which may be viewed or downloaded at <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=965999>). This legislation allowed for the stocking of emergency medications by certain qualified entities such as early learning centers, colleges and universities, restaurants, after-school programs, and others to be in a position to utilize such medications in emergencies.

LDH issued standing orders on April 1, 2025 for the distribution or dispensing of three emergency medications: albuterol, epinephrine, and naloxone. These medications support time-sensitive emergency medical situations, including acute allergic reactions (anaphylaxis), known or suspected opioid overdoses, and acute respiratory distress caused by asthma or allergic reactions. The materials in this documentation include:

1. **Standing Orders for the Dispensing of Emergency Medications**
2. **Standing Order for the Administration of Emergency Medications**
3. **Medical Protocols for the Administration of Naloxone, Epinephrine, and Albuterol as Life-Saving Emergency Medications**

Copies of these documents are also available here: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/act-657-emergency-medications>.

Training and Accessibility

The orders specify that “trained personnel” as defined by La. R.S. 40:1146 may use them. Although we have provided protocols for administering these medications, we hope these resources empower your organization to receive training from medical emergency training organizations, registered nurses, or licensed physicians. Training provides the necessary skills and confidence to respond effectively during emergencies, and increasing training coverage across your organization reduces response time and improves outcomes. We recommend training personnel across a wide range of roles within your organization, for example school nurses, educators, athletic coaches and staff, and security guards/law enforcement. All trained personnel should:

- Know where emergency medications are stored,
- Have immediate access to these medications (e.g., keys for locked cabinets), and
- Understand proper administration protocols.



Strategic Placement of Emergency Medications

To maximize the effectiveness of these life-saving medications, we strongly recommend strategically placing emergency-use medications throughout your campus or facility. Locations might include:

- Classrooms and offices,
- Sports fields and arenas, and
- Gymnasiums and cafeterias.

Keeping medications locked in a single infirmary or inaccessible area can cause critical delays. Medications must be available before, during, and after regular business hours. Ensure that staff members trained to administer these medications can access them immediately.

Medical Emergency Response Plan

To streamline emergency response, we recommend implementing a clear medical emergency response plan, similar to a fire drill or active shooter protocol. This plan should include:

1. A designated emergency code (e.g., announced overhead or via radio),
2. Predefined roles for responding personnel, and
3. A plan to call 911, including knowledge of:
 - Your facility's address,
 - The patient's location,
 - The best access point for EMS personnel, and
 - The patient's chief complaint.

We also encourage you to collaborate with your local EMS providers, as they will likely respond to 911 calls for life-threatening medical emergencies occurring at your facility.

The Louisiana Department of Health is committed to supporting you in your efforts to provide access to life-saving medications and save lives. Please reach out to me directly at Juliette.Saussy@la.gov with questions or for additional guidance on securing and administering these medications. However, if you have *legal* questions concerning the application or implementation of La. R.S. 40:1146, you should consult your organization's legal counsel.

We look forward to collaborating with you to make Louisiana healthy.

Sincerely,

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