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## **Order Allowing for the Administration of Vaccine by Designated Health Care Professionals and Medical and Nursing Students**

The purpose of this Order is to make possible the prompt administration of large quantities of vaccine in order to reduce morbidity and mortality from pandemic influenza A H1N1 2009 as well as seasonal influenza.

The effect of this Order is to permit certain duly licensed or certified health care professionals and medical and nursing students to administer vaccine in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) regulations, this Order, and associated guidelines.

In accordance with the authority granted pursuant to G.L. c.94C, §7(g) and 105 CMR 700.003(H), I hereby (1) determine that there will be insufficient health care professionals available for timely administration of seasonal and H1N1 vaccine in the foreseeable future; and (2) authorize the possession and administration of seasonal and H1N1 vaccine by the following:

- Emergency Medical Technicians – Paramedic Level
- Dentists
- Medical Students
- Nursing Students
- Pharmacists

These health care professionals and medical and nursing students shall administer the vaccine in accordance with:

- The order or prescription of a duly registered practitioner authorized to issue an order or prescription for a vaccine pursuant to 105 CMR 700.000 et seq.;
- Guidelines issued by the MDPH, pursuant to this Order, on proper training and supervision in the administration of vaccine (Guidelines for Designated Vaccinators found at [www.mass.gov/dph/flu](http://www.mass.gov/dph/flu) ); and
- Written protocols established and maintained by the MDPH, and referenced in the aforementioned guidelines, to ensure proper storage, handling, and return of vaccine; record keeping regarding administration; response to adverse events; and safe and appropriate administration of the vaccine.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.



John Auerbach  
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Date