



Standing Orders – State of Nevada

Definition

Standing orders are specific and precise medical directives given by a practicing Nevada-licensed physician allowing patient care team of community health nurses; other clinicians and properly trained personnel at the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH); local health authorities (LHA), and Nevada schools to provide timely, specific and appropriately needed services to their clients.

Background

Immunization rates in Nevada are relatively low; resulting in preventable high morbidity, hospitalization, mortality and expenditure associated with Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPD). In partnership with LHAs, the DPBH can help improving public health services in Nevada by implementing standing orders to

- Streamline assessment needs for- and the administration of vaccine/s
- Improve vaccine coverage rates among underserved hard-to-reach residents of Nevada rural and frontier counties
- Enhance quality and timeliness of patient care

Standing orders are often based on national guidelines that are customized to fit the needs of Nevada communities, and many standing orders are already required by Nevada (NRS and NAC) laws and regulations.

Examples of commonly used standing orders

- Disease Prevention
 - Primary Prevention (e.g., tobacco; drug abuse; marijuana use and E-cigarette cessation)
 - Secondary Prevention (e.g., adult and childhood **vaccination**; screening and disease early detection)
- Administration of **Epi-Pen in schools** and other Nevada Institutions
- **STD/STI treatment** (based on most recent national treatment guidelines), and **Expedited Partner Therapy** (EPT) which is the clinical practice of treating sex partner/s of patients diagnosed with chlamydia or gonorrhea by providing prescriptions or medications to the patient to take to his/her partner without the health care provider first examining the partner/s.
- **Laboratory Testing** (e.g., Hemoglobin A1C for diabetics and proof of immunity after vaccination)
- **Tuberculosis Skin Testing**
- Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) Treatment
- Medication refill (e.g., **oral contraceptive pills**)
- Treatment (e.g., uncomplicated female urinary tract infections) with clear and evidence-based guidelines
- Regular Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening (based on most recent national guidelines)
 - Clinical Breast Exam (CBE)
 - Referral for Screening Mammogram
 - Pelvic Exam and Pap Smear

Process

For appropriate, timely and effective streaming of the review and approval process, all standing order requests must be:

1. Forwarded to the Executive Assistant.
2. Review and assessment
 - DPBH appropriate program
 - Chief Medical Officer (CMO)
 - Nevada-licensed physician
3. When appropriate signed by a Nevada-licensed physician
4. DPBH Administrator for final review.



Request for Standing Order

Date ____/____/____

To: Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way
Carson City, Nevada 89706

From: Agency Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ County _____
Nevada ZIP Code: _____

Submitted by:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) ____/____/____
Degree _____ Title: _____
Nursing License Number _____

I, _____ would like to acknowledge that I am adequately trained on the indications and proper use and administration of the medication or laboratory test (below)

I requested from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health as a standing order, and I am fully proficient in following the provisions of this standing order provided by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

Full Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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