**Standing Orders SOP**

Purpose: To establish a process for creating standing orders for skilled procedures so that the Public Health Nurse can execute “the medical regimen under the direction of a licensed physician, dentist or advanced practice registered nurse. A registered nurse may also execute orders issued by licensed physician assistants, podiatrists and optometrists, provided such orders do not exceed the nurse's or the ordering practitioner's scope of practice.” (1)

Standing Orders can be established for:

* Vaccines
* Anaphylaxis
* Screenings for blood sugar, cholesterol, Hgb A1C, HIV, HCV and BP and blood sugar parameters for immediate medical follow-up.
* QuantiFERON Gold and Tuberculosis Skin testing and follow-up CXR for a positive TST or QFT

Procedure:

1. Assess what services you will be providing to determine what will require an MD, APRN or PA signature by your Medical Director.
2. Review these services with your Medical Director to determine agreement and any specific parameters or area of concern to be added to the standing orders.
3. Standing orders must include:
	1. Policy
	2. Procedure
	3. Specific vaccine or medication name, dose, route of administration and frequency of administration.
	4. Specific screening tests need to include the test, the device, procedure to do the test and parameters for reporting to MD or for immediate medical follow-up. It should reference current best practices for screenings and parameters to follow.
		1. Devices need to include any calibration requirements and frequency and which controls need to be completed and the frequency.
	5. TST should include the name of the solution, amount and route of administration. In addition, the orders need to include the parameters for interpreting the skin test and the next steps, should the skin test be positive.
		1. CXR
		2. If CXR positive, who to refer the patient to for follow-up assessment, diagnosis and treatment.
	6. QFT and CXR will need an MD requisition. If your patient does not have a medical home, you may work with your Medical Director to establish a standing order for each with pre-signed requisitions or the Medical Director may initiate the orders electronically with the lab or the radiology office.
4. Vaccine standing orders
	1. [Home | Immunize.org](https://www.immunize.org/)
	2. Comprehensive templates for Covid vaccines, Influenza, Childhood and Adult vaccinations, MPox, Medical Management of Reactions and others.
	3. Standing orders should be reviewed at least annually, with your Medical Director or sooner if there is a change.
	4. This section can be modified for your facility and Director. Fiscal Year dates may be the most useful.

This policy and procedure shall remain in effect for all patients of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Sources:

1. [Chapter 378 - Nursing (ct.gov)](https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_378.htm)