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**NYS Disaster Declaration**

Governor Paterson has signed Executive Order No. 29 declaring a disaster pursuant to Section 29 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law and has directed implementation of the State Disaster Preparedness Plan. The following is a brief summary of provisions suspended or modified by the Order for thirty days:

- Physician assistants, special assistants, dentists, certain dental hygienists, pharmacists, midwives, podiatrists, advanced emergency medical technicians, and school based health centers may administer influenza vaccinations at PODs, with training approved by the Commissioner. Physician assistants may supervise PODs pursuant to a non-patient specific order, with training approved by the Commissioner.
- Physicians and certified nurse practitioners may prescribe and order non-patient specific regimens to physician assistants, special assistants, dentists, certain dental hygienists, pharmacists, midwives, podiatrists and advanced emergency medical technicians.
- Registered nurses, with certain conditions, may administer influenza vaccinations.
- No consent is necessary for adult vaccinee information to be included in NYSIIS and CIR. Adult vaccinee information does not need to be recorded in NYSIIS or CIR when administered at a POD. Professional misconduct provisions are waived for failure to keep proper vaccination records at PODS.

[Please click here for the Executive Order for complete statutory and regulatory modification and suspension.](#)