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To Whom It May Concern:

Physician signature for Controlled Substances

As you all know there have been multiple questions and issues concerning physician signatures on narcotic usage sheets. Bernadette Hebert and I conference called the Department of Consumer Protection Drug Control and asked what is needed for compliance with state and federal regulations. The following is their exact ruling in regards to what signature is required when usage is a standing order:

Our position is that if C/S were administered "per protocol" there does not need to be an ordering physician signature on the usage sheet. There needs to be the wording "Per Protocol" where the MD signature would be.

If you could please alert your staff paramedics to begin using "**Per Protocol**" in the MD signature would be when they administer standing order controlled substances. Any questions please contact me for clarification. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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