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## BULLETIN No. 25-01

To: All Pharmacies, Pharmacists, Pharmacy Interns, Pharmacy Technicians, and Pharmacy Technician Candidates

From: Joe Fontenot, Executive Director

Date: July 9, 2025

Re: Act 657 (2024 Regular Session) – Emergency Medications

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[Act 657](#) of the 2024 Louisiana Legislature authorizes pharmacists to dispense life-saving medications in the name of a qualified entity under a statewide standing order issued by the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) or their designee.

The Act defines [qualified entities](#) to include licensed early learning centers, colleges and universities, restaurants, after-school programs, and others. These entities are authorized to maintain a stock supply of life-saving medications for use during medical emergencies, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

On April 1, 2025, Louisiana Surgeon General Dr. Ralph Abraham issued statewide standing orders authorizing the dispensing of three emergency medications: albuterol, epinephrine, and naloxone. These medications are intended to support time-sensitive emergency medical situations, including acute allergic reactions (anaphylaxis), known or suspected opioid overdoses, and acute respiratory distress caused by asthma or allergic reactions.

To support the implementation of Act 657, LDH has launched an informational webpage with key resources, including standing orders, medical protocols, and dispensing request forms for each medication. The webpage is available [here](#).

For questions or for additional guidance on securing and administering these medications, contact: Dr. Juliette Saussy, Chief Medical Officer, LDH Office of Public Health, [Juliette.Saussy@la.gov](mailto:Juliette.Saussy@la.gov)