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**Certificate of Waiver
Advanced Life Support Services**

Pursuant to the provision of the New Jersey Administrative Code, specifically N.J.A.C. 8:41-1.4, a waiver is issued to:

All New Jersey Mobile Intensive Care Programs

Granting relief from the following provision(s) of Chapter 41 of the New Jersey Administrative Code:

8:41-6.1 Medications and therapeutic agents:

- (b) The following medications and therapeutic agents are approved for utilization by ALS crewmembers. A provider may choose to carry any of the following medications or therapeutic agents on its vehicles. A provider shall notify and keep OEMS up to date as to which of these medications and/or therapeutic agents are carried on its vehicles.

The waiver is granted based upon the approval of the MICU Advisory Council Program Medical Directors. This waiver grants **Transexamic acid (TXA)** be added to the optional list. This waiver is subject to the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions:

1. This waiver shall allow MICU Programs licensed by the Department to carry and administer TXA when treating patients suffering from traumatic injuries with suspected hemorrhaging. MICU staff shall be provided with an orientation prior to placing the medication on the MICU vehicles. This orientation shall include: the drug classification, the dosage, the approved routes for administration, the side effects and the contraindications. There shall be documentation that MICU personnel completed an orientation to TXA. Patients must meet the following criteria in order to be a candidate to receive TXA.
 - a. Transexamic Acid must be administered within three (3) hours of the injury;
 - b. Adults of at least 16 years of age with a systolic blood pressure of less than 90 mmHg with known or suspected hemorrhage after blunt or penetrating injury AND at least one of the following criteria may receive TXA.

- Penetrating injuries of the neck, torso or extremities proximal to the elbow or knee;
 - More than two proximal long bone fractures
 - Amputated, crushed, mangled or pulseless extremity;
 - Falls greater than 20 feet;
 - High risk auto crash which includes:
 - Intrusion of greater than twelve inches at occupant site or greater than 18 inches at any site in the vehicle;
 - Ejection,
 - Death in the same passenger compartment;
 - Auto versus pedestrian with greater than 20 miles per hour speed involved;
 - Motorcycle crash of greater than 20 miles per hour.
2. Any patient receiving TXA treatment shall be transported to a trauma center so treatment can be continued. It is important for MICU programs to pre-identify trauma centers in their particular area that use TXA in house and educate their personnel accordingly.

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