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**TO:**  Commission on EMS

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**SUBJECT:** Update on Senate Bill 669

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive update regarding Senate Bill (SB) 669 *Emergency Medical Care: Epinephrine Auto Injectors.*

**SUMMARY**

As required by SB 669 (Huff) *Emergency medical care: epinephrine auto-injectors,* EMSA has been charged with promulgating regulations to establish lay rescuer epinephrine auto-injector training standards, including CPR and AED training. The regulations also authorize the EMSA to review and approve training programs that will train the lay public in the use and administration of an epinephrine auto-injector.

**UPDATE**

Beginning in October 2014, a workgroup comprised of various EMS stakeholders and subject matter experts met over a period of four months to assist in creating a draft of regulations to outline the training standards and certification process and requirements for a layperson or off duty EMS personnel to obtain an epinephrine auto-injector.

On January 29, 2015, the proposed regulations, Economic and Fiscal Impact Statement and Initial Statement of Reasons were forwarded to the Health and Human Services Agency for review and approval.

We anticipate opening a rulemaking file with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) in Late February 2015 and releasing the proposed regulations for a 45 day public comment in early March 2015.

With this rulemaking, the EMS Authority is proposing to:

1. Establish training standards through required course content as well as procedures that provide training standards and review and approval of training programs to provide training in the use and administration of epinephrine auto-injectors.
2. Clarify the procedures that enable the lay person to receive certification in the use and administration of an epinephrine auto-injector to a member of the general public who is suffering from a severe allergic emergency, while also providing civil liability protection.

We anticipate submission of the proposed regulations to the Commission on EMS for approval at the September 2015 meeting.

**IMPLEMENTATION STEPS AND ESTIMATED TIMELINE**

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|  October 2014 | Workgroup outlines training standards and modifies draft regulations |
| January 2015 | Final Workgroup meeting |
| February 2015 | Rulemaking file opened with Office of Administrative law; regulations must be approved within one year |
| March 2015 | Proposed regulations released for 45-day public comment |
| April 2015 | Proposed regulations released for 15-day public comment periods as needed |
| September 2015 | Proposed regulations submitted to Commission on EMS for approval |
| October 2015 | Office of Administrative Law reviews and approves regulations |
| January 2016 | Epinephrine Auto-injector regulations are effective |