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Re: Support for Assembly Bill 4000 / Senate Bill 4347

Dear Senator Corrado; Assemblyman Azzariti:

On behalf of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), and the New Jersey Society of Pathologists (NJSP), I am writing in support of Assembly Bill 4000/ Senate Bill 4347.

This legislation would authorize advanced life support providers, under medical oversight, to administer a blood product to a patient in a pre-hospital setting if: (1) the patient exhibits signs and symptoms consistent with current clinical practice requiring administration of blood products; (2) the advanced life support provider has completed a blood administration training program that has been approved by the Department of Health; and (3) the administration follows established protocols approved by the Department of Health.

A critical element in the delivery of prehospital blood is the empowerment of prehospital emergency medicine personnel to initiate blood transfusions in the field. CAP is pleased to note that New Jersey has through administrative action in July 2025 established a waiver to allow initiation of blood transfusions by EMS personnel. Specifically, paramedics in New Jersey can now administer blood transfusions at the scene of emergencies and while transporting patients to hospitals. According to the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH): "Under the new waivers, participating services must establish written protocols for blood administration in collaboration with blood banks, complete comprehensive education programs, implement stewardship programs to prevent waste, and collect extensive data on patient outcomes."

CAP agrees with this activity when there is sufficient medical oversight to allow EMS initiation of these lifesaving transfusions according to specific clinical indications and protocols while under the close supervision of the EMS Physician Medical Director. CAP encourages those states where EMS scope of practice relative to prehospital transfusion is limited (e.g. transfusion cannot be initiated but can be monitored by EMS clinicians in the field) or disallowed to update scope of practice towards a uniform national practice model.

EMS providers are capable of safely and effectively initiating and administering transfusions in the prehospital setting while complying with all federal blood transfusion regulations. EMS physician medical oversight also ensures transfusing personnel receive appropriate education and training and operate in accordance with a quality system.



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CAP is committed to supporting the EMS community and working to advance policies that will increase patient access to lifesaving prehospital blood transfusions. Thank you for introduction and sponsorship of this important potentially life-saving legislation to benefit New Jersey patients.

Sincerely,

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