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MEMORANDUM

TO: North Carolina Immunization Providers Utilizing the COVID-19 Statewide Standing Orders (SWSOs)

FROM: Carrie Blanchard, PharmD, MPH *CB*
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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Statewide Standing Orders Expire December 31, 2024 – Action Required

This email is to inform you that the COVID-19 Statewide Standing Orders (SWSOs) authorized under North Carolina Session Law [2022-74, Sec. 9G.7.\(a\)-\(e\)](#) and extended under Session Law [2023-65, Sec. 9G.7](#), will expire on December 31, 2024. No additional extensions have been provided.

What this means for your facility:

If your facility currently uses the SWSOs issued by Dr. Elizabeth Tilson, NC State Health Director, to facilitate COVID-19 vaccinations, action is required to prevent disruptions in vaccine administration. Coordinate with your lead physician or medical director to develop standing orders or protocols that will take effect by January 1, 2025.

Action Required:

- Review and prepare to transition to facility-specific standing orders by coordinating with your medical leadership.
- Finalize and implement new standing orders or protocols by January 1, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this important change.

In Health,
NC Department of Health and Human Services

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