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Procedures for Pharmacist Volunteers of the Health Department

General Information:

There are situations that arise which require the Alabama Department of Public Health Department to utilize volunteer pharmacists. Some of the situations are hurricanes, bio terrorist events, pandemic influenza, or other declared emergencies. These procedures outline the process by which pharmacists can be listed as a Health Department volunteer and be covered under the Emergency Powers Act for liability purposes. In addition we need to keep a record of volunteers and their contact information for tracking purposes. In response to an inquiry, the Department's Office of General Counsel advises that under the provision of Code of Ala.1975, Section 31-9-16, pharmacists who volunteer through the Department of Public Health as a Public Health Pharmacist Volunteer during the declared emergency will be immune from civil liability during the time they are in volunteer status as long as their actions conform to professional and legal standards. Wanton and willful misconduct, gross negligence or bad faith will not be covered under the immunity statute.

Procedures for pharmacist volunteers:

1. fill out a volunteer information sheet (see Attached).
2. fill out a policy statement sheet (see attached)
3. send copies of both documents to the Alabama Department of Public Health Pharmacy Director.

Certification of Pharmacists:

The Alabama Department of Public Health Pharmacy Director will certify that the pharmacist is in good standing with the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy and notify the site which will utilize the pharmacist volunteer.