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CLIA WAIVED TESTING

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Per the scope of practice, the Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission on February 26, 2021, approved the request to allow blood glucose measurement at all levels of licensure, venous blood sampling at the AEMT and Paramedic level, and Blood Chemistry Analysis at the Paramedic level.

This line would allow a Paramedic, regardless of location, to use a CLIA waived, bedside point of care test that utilizes a blood sample collected directly from the patient. It does not apply to a non-CLIA waived panel that cannot be done immediately at the point of care.

The USDA maintains a list of CLIA waived testing at <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfClia/analyteswaived.cfm>

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Elder".

Jeffrey Elder, M.D.
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