## REGIONAL EMS COMMUNITY INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE PROGRAM CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Use this AO for all participants referred into the CIHP program for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

All participants referred in for this condition shall receive the following evaluations on each visit:

- A full set of Vital Signs including temperature, FSBG, and ETCO2
- 3 lead EKG
- 12 lead EKG with initial visit & as needed for subsequent visits
- Weight
- Lung Sounds
- Smoking Cessation information/progress as needed

Follow up with participant on discharge orders to ensure compliance.

Obtain participant's ETCO2 and SPO2 to establish baseline & identify trends.

## If Pt experiencing SOB or Difficulty Breathing:

- Administer SVN per EMS Respiratory Administrative Order.
- If possible, utilize the patient's own medication and equipment.
- Follow up with patient within 24 48 hours.

## If SOB or Difficulty Breathing problems persist:

- Administer 125mg Solumedrol IVP\*
  - \*Particularly after 2000 as this will help the patient get through the night.
- Follow up with patient within 24-48 hours

## If the Patient condition is stable: Schedule next visit.

If Patient condition is stable, but declining based on trends & assessment: Contact Primary Care Physician for plan of care. If necessary, schedule office visit and confirm participants access and availability to transportation.

If Patient condition is stable, but declining based on trends & assessment and PCP office visit unavailable:

Advise, arrange for, or transport patient to Urgent Care facility.

If the Patient is having an acute medical emergency:
Advise dispatch to start an appropriate response to your location, follow up
with the patient to the hospital.