

## REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION/INTERPRETATION

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1. TYPE OF REQUEST:  Follow-up to Verbal Request - Date of Verbal Request: \_\_\_\_\_  Written Request

2. STATEMENT OF QUESTION OR ISSUE:

If a group home resident is terminally ill and in Hospice Care should direct care staff:

1. Perform CPR if the person stops breathing or becomes unresponsive;
2. follow the POLST order;
3. call 911 as directed by the 911 Emergency Policy Memo dated 11/21/07?

3. ANSWER:

1. NO, CPR should not be performed.
2. According to the Policy on the Provision of Care to Consumers with Emergency or Urgent Health Care Needs, individuals with a POLST or Do Not Resuscitate Order, direct care staff should participate in the application of that order, if the order is appropriate given the person's current circumstances and the direct care staff have been given clear direction in a current medical order from a physician or advance practice registered nurse as to the withholding or withdrawal of resuscitative care and the consumer does not express to them the desire to receive that care.
3. NO, 911 should not be called. "A requirement for eligibility to receive Hospice Services is that upon the occurrence of any health care urgency of the person in Hospice care, the immediate care providers contact the Hospice team which is on 24 hour call, rather than contacting any emergency medical services. The Hospice team determines whether any emergency care should be provided."

References:

Approved and Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_, Program Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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