POINT OF CARE TESTING

PURPOSE
To outline the responsibilities of agencies that wish to perform Point of Care (POC) testing.

POLICY
Agencies that wish to perform any POC testing must have authorization from their Agency Medical Director. Any POC testing must be approved by the FDA as a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) regulations "waived" test.

TRAINING
Agencies must ensure that any provider who performs POC testing has undergone a regimen of training approved by the Agency Medical Director and is able to show competency in the acquisition of biological samples for testing, and the documentation and interpretation of any data obtained from such testing.

QUALITY ASSURANCE
Any agency that proposes to provide POC testing must develop a written plan for quality assurance. The plan must include the manufacturer's suggested periodic calibration testing, records of any scheduled/periodic maintenance performed by a qualified biomedical technician, and the documentation and interpretation of such POC test results.

BLOOD GLUCOMETRY
Any agency wishing to perform blood glucometry must adhere to the guidelines established by NYSDOH BEMS Policy Statement 12-01 regarding Blood Glucometry and possess a Limited Service Laboratory Registration Certificate. In addition, the Medical Director Verification Form (DOH 4362) must be submitted to NYSDOH BEMS through the regional Program Agency.