(A) Policy Statement

Under certain conditions, an oral directive for the administration of a radiopharmaceutical or an oral or written revision to an existing written directive may be acceptable.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide expedient patient services in cases where a delay would jeopardize the patient's health.

(C) Procedure

1. If, because of the patient's medical condition, a delay in order to provide a written revision to an existing written directive would jeopardize the patient's health, an oral revision to an existing written directive will be acceptable, provided that the oral revision is documented immediately in the patient's record and a revised written directive is dated and signed by the authorized user within 48 hours of the oral revision.

2. A written revision to an existing written directive may be made for any diagnostic or therapeutic procedure provided that the revision is dated and signed by an authorized user prior to the administration of the radiopharmaceutical.

3. If, because of the emergent nature of the patient's medical condition, a delay in order to provide a written directive would jeopardize the patient's health, an oral directive will be acceptable, provided that the information contained in the oral directive is documented immediately in the patient's record and a written directive is prepared within 24 hours of the oral directive.