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The Honorable Ned Lamont
Office of the Governor
State of Connecticut
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Governor Lamont:

With the impending approval of the vaccines for COVID-19, we anticipate that medical practices in Fairfield County and across the state will be deluged with requests for the vaccine. Many medical practices do not have Registered Nurses and rather employ medical assistants. It is for this reason, that we respectfully request that you issue an Executive Order allowing certified medical assistants to administer the COVID-19 and influenza vaccines under the direct supervision of a physician, or other authorized prescribers, to patients who are ten years of age or older.

Certified medical assistants have 24 hours of classroom training and 8 hours of clinical training on intradermal, intramuscular, and subcutaneous injections. Giving injections is one the safest clinical activities performed and, in fact, patients with no formal training, self-inject with all kinds of medications including, but not limited to, insulin, and Vitamin B-12.

Physicians' ability to supervise their certified medical assistants in the administration of the COVID-19 and influenza vaccines will greatly reduce the spread of further outbreaks and lower the morbidity and mortality from these viruses.

We thank you for your consideration of an Executive Order covering this activity.

Sincerely,

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