

Draper City Fire Department

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To Whom It May Concern,

Draper City Fire Department (DCFD) is requesting a waiver from the Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness for EMT-B to be able to place and manage an iGel (supraglottic airway) during a cardiac arrest.

After speaking with Dr. Tailac about this on the phone, he requested that I write this to inform you that all our personnel are trained and certified to the ACLS level of care and that we carry Zoll X Series cardiac monitors on all apparatus which will allow all personnel to monitor ETCO2 if an iGel is placed. Also, Suncrest has the potential of delaying the need for a good airway if they are running BLS and the next closest paramedic unit is 10 to 20 minutes out. He said if I did this, he would approve this variance.

The EMT-B will be successful performing this variance for the following reasons:

- The simplicity of the iGel (does not have an inflatable cuff or require visual confirmation of the glottic opening),
- The EMT-B's current scope of practice for placing OPA's and management of a BVM would allow for an easy transition for iGel placement and management.

DCFD will provide extensive training to all EMT-B's on how to properly size an iGel, how to place it, and how to monitor ETCO2. These changes will improve our current service and will not affect the safety of our citizens or patients.

Sincerely Yours,

Henry Yeates, DO
Draper City Fire Department Medical Director