

**MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
GUIDELINES FOR PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE**

**SUBJECT: 900.04 ORIGINAL ISSUE 5/08
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: LATEST REVISION 5/17
DIABETES
INSULIN SHOCK/HYPOGLYCEMIA**

Pre-Hospital Actions;

1. Universal cardiac care with airway management as indicated.
2. Obtain blood glucose determination.
3. If blood glucose is less than 60, administer 25-50 grams of Dextrose IV or administer oral glucose (Note: oral fluids are contraindicated in the unconscious patient).
4. Administer glucagon 1 mg IM and oral glucose if unable to start IV.
5. Patient may refuse care if appropriate but care should be taken to ensure that they do not immediately engage in activities such as driving that may harm themselves or others should they become hypoglycemic again.

STANDARD PRECAUTIONS MUST BE OBSERVED.