STANDING ORDER

HIVES

I. ASSESSMENT

A. Obtain history of possible cause (food allergy, medication allergy, etc.)

B. Take vital signs, including temperature, document presence of hives, location, amount.

C. Assess respiratory status.

II. MANAGEMENT

A. Give Benadryl 50 mg PO STAT, then 50 mg QID for two (2) days PRN as indicated.

B. For localized itching, apply hydrocortisone cream topically.

C. Notify Facility Provider for possible “allergy” to be added to the chart.

III. EVALUATION

A. If breathing difficulties occur or anaphylaxis develops, call EMTs for immediate transport to emergency room.