

CHEST PAIN/ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION (# 7209)

- **Routine Medical Care**
- **Signs of Shock** - 2 or more of the following:
 - ✓ Pulse > 120/minute
 - ✓ Pale, cool and/or diaphoretic skin signs
 - ✓ B/P < 90/systolic
 - ✓ Altered Mental Status
- If cardiac chest pain is suspected and the patient is able to swallow, give **Aspirin 162 - 325 mg. po** as soon as possible (tablet or chewable – not enteric coated).
- NTG and MS may be prioritized as needed based on patient presentation.
- Perform 12 Lead EKG, as appropriate, and transport to a cardiac receiving hospital if STEMI is identified. (See policy # 10106 - EKG 12 lead) for cardiac receiving center information.
- **Note:** If the patient has taken **erectile dysfunction (ED) medication** within the last 24 hours (Viagra/Levitra) or 36 hours (Cialis), **withhold nitroglycerin.**

