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2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 296

BY SENATOR BARROW

PHARMACISTS. Provides relative to immunizations administered by pharmacists. (8/1/20)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1218, R.S. 37:1218(5), and
3	1218.1(A), relative to the administration of immunizations by pharmacists; to
4	provide for pharmacist training; to provide for authority to administer vaccinations
5	regardless of age of the patient and without an individual prescription; and to provide
6	for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1218, R.S. 37:1218(5), and
9	1218.1(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
10	§1218. Administration of influenza immunization
11	A pharmacist may administer an influenza immunization to any person seven
12	years of age or older without a prescription or medical order contingent upon all of
13	the following provisions:
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15	(5) The pharmacist shall obtain complete the appropriate credential to
16	training to administer influenza immunizations from the board, as administratively
17	defined by the board, prior to administering any such immunization.

Documentation v	erifying comple	tion of the ad	ministratively r	equired training
shall be made ava	ilable to the bo	ard upon req	uest.	

§1218.1. Administration of immunizations and vaccines other than influenza immunizations

A pharmacist may administer to an individual age seventeen or older an immunization or a vaccine without a patient-specific prescription or medical order if the immunization or the vaccine is administered in conformance with the most current immunization administration protocol as set forth by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice or consistent with United States Food and Drug Administration approved labeling. At the time that a pharmacist administers an immunization or vaccine under the provisions of this Section, the pharmacist shall also inform the individual that the administration of an immunization or vaccine under this Section is not to be construed as being in lieu of an annual checkup with the individual's primary care or family physician.

- (1) The pharmacist shall report each immunization to the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health's Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide at the time of the immunization or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, as this is the official state vaccination record.
- (2) The pharmacist shall report all adverse events he observes or which are reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System, the cooperative program of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United States Food and Drug Administration for vaccine safety, or its successor program; and further, the pharmacist shall refer the patient with an adverse event to an immunization for appropriate medical care.
- (3) The pharmacist shall maintain for at least two years a record of each immunization administered.
- (4) The pharmacist shall obtain complete the appropriate credentials training to administer immunizations from the board, as administratively defined by the

board, prior to administering any such immunization. Documentation verifyingcompletion of the administratively required training shall be made available tothe board upon request.

(5) The pharmacist shall request the name of a patient's primary care provider prior to the administering of any immunization. If the patient identifies such primary care provider to the pharmacist, the pharmacist shall notify the primary care provider, by written or electronic communication, as soon as reasonably possible thereafter that the immunization was administered.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

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<u>Present law</u> authorizes a pharmacist to administer an influenza immunization to any person seven years of age or older without a prescription or medical order. <u>Proposed law</u> removes the age restriction in <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> requires a pharmacist to obtain appropriate credentialing from the Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy to administer influenza immunizations. <u>Proposed law</u> requires a pharmacist to complete training to administer influenza immunizations, as administratively defined by the board, prior to administering any such immunization. <u>Proposed law</u> requires a pharmacist to submit documentation verifying completion of the administratively required training upon request of the board.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a pharmacist shall administer the immunization in conformance with the most current protocol as set forth by the CDC. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds that the protocol may also be consistent with FDA approved labeling.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals the requirement that a pharmacist inform the individual that the administration of an immunization or vaccine by the pharmacist is not to be construed as being in lieu of an annual checkup with the individual's primary care or family physician.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 37:1218(intro para), R.S. 37:1218(5), and 1218.1(A))