

Prior law provided in any parish designated wholly or in part as a primary care health professional shortage area as set forth under federal regulations, a pharmacist may administer any of the following vaccines, but only in conformance with the prior law:

- (1) Pneumococcal, to any person 18 years of age or older.
- (2) Zoster, to any person 50 years of age or older.

Prior law provided the pharmacist shall administer each immunization in conformance with the most current vaccination administration as set forth by the U.S. Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, following guidance published in the Louisiana State Immunization Policies and Procedures Manual, to participate in the program and to be covered by the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Fund.

- (1) The pharmacist shall report each immunization to the Department of Health and Hospitals, 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 the appropriate credentials to administer immunizations from the board, as administratively defined, prior to administering any such immunization.
- (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.

New law authorizes a pharmacist to administer to an individual age 17 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 U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice. At the time that a pharmacist administers an immunization or vaccine under new law, the pharmacist shall also inform the individual that the administration of an immunization or vaccine is not to be construed as being in lieu of an annual checkup with the individual's primary care or family physician.

- (1) Requires the pharmacist to report each immunization to DHH, 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) Requires the pharmacist to report all adverse events he observes or which are reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System, the cooperative program of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. 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.
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- (4) Requires the pharmacist to obtain the appropriate credentials to administer immunizations from the board, as administratively defined, prior to administering any such immunization.
- (5) Requires the pharmacist to request the name of a patient's primary care provider prior to the administering of any immunization. Provides that if the patient identifies his primary care provider to the pharmacist, then requires the pharmacist to notify the primary care provider, by written or electronic communication, as soon as reasonably possible thereafter that the immunization was administered.

New law does not apply to the administering of an immunization pursuant to R.S. 37:1218.

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(Amends R.S. 37:1218.1)