

1 Amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L. 1700, No.699),  
2 entitled "An act relating to the regulation of the practice of  
3 pharmacy, including the sales, use and distribution of drugs and  
4 devices at retail; and amending, revising, consolidating and  
5 repealing certain laws relating thereto," further providing for  
6 authority to administer injectable medications, biologicals and  
7 immunizations.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 9.2 of the act of September 27, 1961  
11 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, is amended to  
12 read:

13 Section 9.2. Authority to Administer Injectable  
14 Medications, Biologicals and Immunizations.--(a) The board  
15 shall by regulation establish education and training  
16 standards and practice guidelines pursuant to which  
17 pharmacists shall be authorized to administer injectable  
18 medications, biologicals and immunizations to persons who  
19 are more than [eighteen] three years of age [and influenza  
20 immunizations] by injectable or needle-free delivery  
21 methods [to persons nine years of age and older].  
22 if one the following is met:

23 (1) The vaccine is listed in the United States  
24 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Recommended  
25 Immunization Schedule recommended by the federal Advisory  
26 Committee on Immunization Practices; or

27 (2) The vaccine is recommended in the United States  
28 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Health  
29 Information for International Travel; or

30 (3) Is listed on the US Food and Drug  
31 Administration's Vaccines Licensed for Use in the United  
32 States; or

1           (4) Has been authorized via Emergency Use  
2           Authorization by the US Food and Drug Administration.

3           (b) [Such] The standards and guidelines to be established  
4 by the board shall include, but not be limited to, the  
5 following:

6           (1) Satisfactory completion of an academic and practical  
7 curriculum approved by the board that includes the current  
8 guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for Disease  
9 Control and Prevention in the Public Health Service of the  
10 United States Department of Health and Human Services, the  
11 [American Council on Pharmaceutical Education] Accreditation  
12 Council for Pharmacy Education or a similar health authority or  
13 professional body and includes, but is not limited to, disease  
14 epidemiology, vaccine characteristics, injection technique,  
15 emergency response to adverse events and related topics.

16           (1.1) Registration with the State Board of Pharmacy or have  
17 a Certified Pharmacy Technician certification from either the  
18 Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or National Healthcareer  
19 Association in addition to satisfactory completion of a  
20 practical training program that is approved by the Accreditation  
21 Council for Pharmacy Education or a similar health authority and  
22 a minimum of two hours of approved immunization-related  
23 continuing pharmacy education. The practical training program  
24 must include, but is not limited to, hands-on injection  
25 technique and the recognition and treatment of emergency  
26 reactions to vaccines.

27           (1.2) Accept as proof of education and training standards  
28 the immunization credentials or a license of an individual who,  
29 at the time of filing an application is licensed as a pharmacist  
30 and has immunization credentials or a license, if applicable, in  
31 another state or territory of the United States.

1 (2) Maintenance of a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
2 (CPR) certificate acceptable to the board.

3 (3) That the administration of injectable medications,  
4 biologicals and immunizations be in accordance with a definitive  
5 set of treatment guidelines established by a physician and the  
6 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Advisory Committee  
7 on Immunization Practices guidelines or another competent  
8 authority approved by the board.

9 (4) That a minimum of two hours of the thirty-hour  
10 requirement for continuing education for license renewal be  
11 dedicated to this area of practice.

12 (5) For individuals under eighteen years of age, that  
13 parental consent be obtained prior to administration.  
14 Administration of [influenza] immunizations by injectable or  
15 needle-free delivery methods shall be in accordance with the  
16 immunization schedule established by the Centers for Disease  
17 Control and Prevention, the Advisory Committee on Immunization  
18 Practices or another competent authority.

19 (6) Maintenance of a level of professional liability  
20 insurance coverage in the minimum amount of one million dollars  
21 (\$1,000,000) per occurrence or claims made. Failure to maintain  
22 insurance coverage as required shall subject the licensees to  
23 disciplinary proceedings. The board shall accept as satisfactory  
24 evidence of insurance coverage any of the following:

25 (i) personally purchased liability insurance;

26 (ii) professional liability insurance coverage provided by  
27 the individual licensee's employer; or

28 (iii) similar insurance coverage acceptable to the board.

29 (7) Notification of the individual's primary care  
30 provider, if known, within forty-eight hours of administration.

31 (b) A pharmacist's authority to administer injectable  
32 medications, biologicals and immunizations [~~shall not~~] may be

1 delegated to [any other person] pharmacy technicians and  
2 pharmacy interns trained in accordance with this section. A  
3 pharmacy intern who has completed a course of education and  
4 training which meets the requirements of subsection (a) (1) and  
5 (2) and pharmacy technicians who meet the requirements of  
6 subsection (a) (1.1) and (2) may administer injectable  
7 medications, biologicals and immunizations to persons who are  
8 more than [eighteen] three years of age [and influenza  
9 immunizations] by injectable or needle-free delivery in [methods  
10 to persons nine years of age and older] and only under the  
11 direct, immediate and personal supervision of a pharmacist  
12 holding the authority to administer injectable medications,  
13 biologicals and immunizations.

14 (c) Supervising pharmacists shall be responsible for  
15 reporting the administration of vaccines under this section to  
16 the immunization registry maintained by the Department of Health  
17 within 72 hours of vaccine administration and to the patient's  
18 primary care physician in accordance with (7) of this section.

19 (d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit supervising  
20 pharmacists from delegating the reporting of vaccine  
21 administration in subsection (c) to pharmacy technicians and  
22 pharmacy interns.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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