
DIGEST

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HB No. 1161

Abstract: Allows pharmacists to administer vaccines and certain immunizations.

Present law allows a pharmacist to administer Pneumococcal and Zoster in any parish designated as a primary care health professional shortage area.

Present law requires the pharmacist to administer Pneumococcal and Zoster using the most current vaccination administration set forth by the United States Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) 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.

Proposed law deletes present law and provides that a pharmacist may administer 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 ACIP.

Present law requires the pharmacist to notify the patient's primary care physician of any vaccine or immunization that he administers to the patient.

Present law requires the pharmacist to report each immunization to the Department of Health and Hospitals office of public health, and Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide, at the time of the immunization or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter for the official state vaccination record.

Present law requires the pharmacist to report any adverse events of the vaccine or immunization to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, the cooperative program of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United States Food and Drug Administration, and to recommend that the patient seek medical care.

Present law requires the pharmacist to maintain a record of each immunization administered for at least two years.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law does not apply to the administering of an immunization pursuant to R.S. 37:1218 (administration of influenza immunization).

(Amends R.S. 37:1218.1)