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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes pharmacy interns supervised by pharmacists and certified pharmacy technicians supervised by pharmacists to administer certain immunizations and vaccines; decreases the age threshold above which a person may receive an immunization or vaccine, other than one for influenza, from a licensee of the La. Board of Pharmacy.

Present law authorizes any pharmacist to administer an influenza immunization to any person seven years of age or older without a prescription or medical order if certain enumerated conditions and requirements set forth in present law are met.

Proposed law revises present law to extend to the following persons the conditional authorization to administer influenza immunizations provided in present law:

- (1) Any pharmacy intern supervised by a pharmacist.
- (2) Any certified pharmacy technician supervised by a pharmacist.

Proposed law retains present law providing enumerated conditions and requirements relative to administration of influenza immunizations by licensees of the La. Board of Pharmacy.

Proposed law adds a requirement that pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and certified pharmacy technicians who administer influenza immunizations retain evidence of their continuing competency for administering such immunizations as administratively defined and required by the La. Board of Pharmacy and obtain the appropriate education and training.

Present law authorizes any pharmacist to administer to an individual age 17 or older an immunization or a vaccine other than one for influenza without a patient-specific prescription or medical order if certain conditions and requirements set forth in present law are met.

Proposed law revises present law in the following ways:

- (1) Extends to the following persons the conditional authorization to administer immunizations and vaccines other than those for influenza:
  - (a) Any pharmacy intern supervised by a pharmacist.
  - (b) Any certified pharmacy technician supervised by a pharmacist.

- (2) Decreases the individual's age threshold for which a pharmacist may administer an immunization or vaccination from 17 years of age to seven years of age.

Proposed law retains present law providing enumerated conditions and requirements relative to administration of immunizations or vaccines other than those for influenza by licensees of the La. Board of Pharmacy.

Proposed law adds a requirement that pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and certified pharmacy technicians who administer immunizations and vaccines other than those for influenza retain evidence of their continuing competency for administering such immunizations and vaccines as administratively defined and required by the La. Board of Pharmacy.

Proposed law adds provisions for the agent of the pharmacist.

Proposed law requires pharmacies to display signage in immunization areas that inform parents and guardians of the importance of annual pediatric well-child visits.

(Amends R.S. 37:1218 and 1218.1(A))