Administration of Influenza Vaccines to Individuals Age 9 and Older

SB 845 Pharmacists – Administration of Vaccinations – Children, effective October 1, 2011. Implementing regulations were recently approved with a retroactive Emergency Effective Date of October 1, 2011. Pharmacists may now administer influenza vaccines to children age 9 and older in accordance with the below regulations:

.03 Requirements to Administer Vaccinations.
   A. (text unchanged)
   B. A licensed pharmacist may not administer vaccinations:
      (1) An influenza vaccination to an individual who is younger than 9 years old; and
      (2) Vaccinations, other than influenza, to any individual younger than 18 years old.
   C. A pharmacist shall report to the Maryland Immunization Registry an influenza vaccination administered by the pharmacist to individuals who are from 9 to 18 years old.*
   D. A pharmacist shall:
      (1) Provide the patient with a vaccine information statement issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
      (2) Obtain a signed consent form from the patient or custodial parent; and
      (3) Observe the patient for a period of 15 minutes after administration of the vaccine for adverse effects including syncope.
   [C.] E. (text unchanged)

The complete proposal is anticipated to be printed in the Maryland Register on November 4, 2011.

*NOTE: The Maryland Immunization Registry is not presently accessible to pharmacists. Please maintain accurate records of influenza vaccinations administered to children age 9 to 18 for retroactive reporting to the registry. The Registry data requirements can be found on the ImmuNet homepage in the ImmuNet User Manual. The manual is within "forms" which can be accessed by clicking the forms tab selection at the top of the homepage, www.mdimmunet.org A direct link to the required fields for Data Exchange section of the ImmuNet User Manual (Section 13.4 & 13.5 - Patient Data Fields and Immunization Data Fields) may be accessed at: https://www.mdimmunet.org/ir_docs/13_Data_Exchange_IMMUNET.pdf