

Title 10

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Subtitle 34 Board of Pharmacy

10.34.32 Pharmacist Administration of Vaccines

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§12-101, 12-102(b), 12-508, and 12-6A-10, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Definitions.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. Terms Defined.
 - (1)–(5) (text unchanged)
 - (6) [Practice Pharmacy.
 - (a)] "Practice pharmacy" means to engage in *the activities set forth in Health Occupations Article, § 12-101(x)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland.* [any of the following activities:
 - (i) Providing pharmaceutical care;
 - (ii) Compounding, dispensing, or distributing prescription drugs or devices;
 - (iii) Compounding or dispensing nonprescription drugs or devices;
 - (iv) Monitoring prescriptions and nonprescription drugs or devices;
 - (v) Providing information, explanation, or recommendations to patients and health care practitioners about the safe and effective use of prescription or nonprescription drugs or devices;
 - (vi) Identifying and appraising problems concerning the use or monitoring of therapy with drugs or devices;
 - (vii) Acting within the parameters of a therapy management contract, as provided under Health Occupations Article, Subtitle 6A, Annotated Code of Maryland; or
 - (viii) Administering vaccinations in accordance with Health Occupations Article, § 12-508, Annotated Code of Maryland;
 - (b) "Practice pharmacy" does not include the operations of a person who holds a permit issued under Health Occupations Article, §12-602, Annotated Code of Maryland.]
 - (7) (text unchanged)
 - (8) "Vaccination" means [a vaccination]:
 - (a) [That] *A vaccination that* is listed in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Recommended Immunization Adult Schedule [authorized by Health Occupations Article, §12-508, Annotated Code of Maryland];
 - (b) [Recommended] *A vaccination recommended* in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Health Information for International Travel [authorized by Health Occupations Article, §12-508, Annotated Code of Maryland];
 - (c) [Recommended] *A vaccination recommended* for individuals between 7 [11] 7 years old and 18 years old by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for Persons aged 0 through 18 years old; [or]
 - (d) An influenza vaccination [authorized by Health Occupations Article, §12-508, Annotated Code of Maryland];
 - (e) *A COVID vaccination; or*
 - (f) *A vaccination approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.*
 - (9) (text unchanged)

.03 Requirements to Administer Vaccinations.

- A. Registration.
 - (1) (text unchanged)
 - (2) The registration form shall include verification from the licensed pharmacist of the following:
 - [(a) Successful completion of a certification course approved by the Board of Pharmacy that includes the current guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding vaccinations; and]
 - (a) *That the pharmacist has completed a practical training program of at least 20 hours that is approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and includes education on:*
 - (i) *Hands-on injection techniques;*
 - (ii) *Clinical evaluation of indication and contraindications of vaccines;*
 - (iii) *The recognition and treatment of emergency reaction to vaccines; and*
 - (iv) *Guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding vaccinations in effect on December 31, 2024; and*
 - (b) (text unchanged)
- (3) A registration authorizing a licensed pharmacist to administer vaccinations expires with the expiration of the license to practice pharmacy unless the licensed pharmacist has completed:
 - (a) [Four] *Two* hours of continuing education credits related to vaccinations; and
 - (b) (text unchanged)

(4) (text unchanged)

[B. A licensed pharmacist may administer an influenza vaccination to an individual who is 3 - 9 years old or older in accordance with a protocol that meets the requirements of Regulation .07 of this chapter.]

[B-1.] B. A licensed pharmacist may [only] *order and* administer a vaccination [that is listed in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommended immunization schedule] *in accordance with a protocol that meets the requirements of Regulation .06 of this chapter to an individual who is at least 3 years old provided that:*

[(1) Is between 11 years old and 18 years old; and

(2) Has a prescription from an authorized prescriber.]

(1) *The vaccine is:*

(a) *An influenza vaccine;*

(b) *A covid vaccine; or*

(c) *Used in response to a public health emergency; and*

(2) *If the vaccination is administered to an individual under the age of 18 years, the pharmacist shall:*

(a) *Inform the child vaccination patient and the adult caregiver who is accompanying the child of the importance of well-child visits with a pediatric primary care provider; and*

(b) *Refers the child vaccination patient to a pediatric care provider when appropriate.*

B-1. *Protocol Requirements.*

(1) *A pharmacist may order and administer a vaccination in accordance with a protocol that meets the requirements of Regulation .06 of this chapter to an individual who is at least 7 years old provided that:*

(a) *The vaccine:*

(i) *Is recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; or*

(ii) *Approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; and*

(b) *If the vaccination is administered to an individual under the age of 18 years, the pharmacist shall:*

(i) *Inform the child vaccination patient and the adult caregiver who is accompanying the child of the importance of well-child visits with a pediatric primary care provider; and*

(ii) *Refer the child vaccination patient to a pediatric care provider when appropriate.*

(2) *The recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices cited in this regulation refer to federal statutes, rules, and guidance:*

(a) *In effect on December 31, 2024; or*

(b) *At a later date to account for any new vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices after December 31, 2024.*

B-2. [Except as provided in §§B and B-1 of this regulation, a] A licensed pharmacist may *order and* administer to an adult a vaccination in accordance with a protocol that meets the requirements of [Regulation .07] *Regulation .06 of this chapter that is listed in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Health Information for International Travel.*

C.—E. (text unchanged)

[.07] .06 Approved Protocols.

A.—B. (text unchanged)

C. The written protocol for each vaccine shall contain at least the following elements:

(1)—(6) (text unchanged)

[(7) Process for verification of prescription for patients 11—17 years old for vaccinations other than the influenza vaccine;]

[(8)](7)—[(12)](11) (text unchanged)

[(13)](12) Process for documenting and maintaining a vaccination record including at least:

(a)—(e) (text unchanged)

(f) Documentation:

(i) Of at least one attempt to inform the patient's primary care provider, [or] *and* prescriber *if the vaccination is administered in accordance with a prescription*, that the vaccination has been administered; or

(ii) (text unchanged)

(g) Documentation of an attempt to inform the patient's primary care provider that the influenza vaccination has been administered *is* [may] not [be] required; and

(h) (text unchanged)

D. (text unchanged)

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