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SENATE BILL NO. 378

BY SENATOR MILLS

PHARMACISTS. Authorizes a pharmacist in a health professional shortage area to administer certain vaccines. (/8/1/12)

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AN ACT

To enacts R.S. 37:1218.1, relative to immunizations; to provide for the administration of certain immunizations in health professional shortage areas; to provide for the requirements of pharmacists administering the immunization; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:1218.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§ 1218.1. Administration of certain immunizations in health professional shortage areas

A. In any parish designated as a health professional shortage area as set forth under Section 332 of the Public Health Service Act, as determined by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health, a pharmacist may administer any of the following vaccines, but only in conformance with the provisions of Subsection B of this Section:

- (1) Influenza, to any person seven years of age or older.**
- (2) Pneumococcal, to any person eighteen years of age or older.**
- (3) Zoster, to any person eighteen years of age or older.**

1 **B. The pharmacist shall administer each immunization in conformance**
2 **with the most current vaccination administration as set forth by the United**
3 **States Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices,**
4 **following guidance published in the Louisiana State Immunization Policies and**
5 **Procedures Manual, to participate in the program and to be covered by the**
6 **National Vaccine Injury Compensation Fund.**

7 **(1)The pharmacist shall report each influenza immunization to the office**
8 **of public health's Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide at the**
9 **time of the immunization or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, as this**
10 **is the official state vaccination record.**

11 **(2)The pharmacist shall report all adverse events he observes or which**
12 **are reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System, the**
13 **cooperative program of the United States Centers for Disease Control and**
14 **Prevention and the United States Food and Drug Administration for vaccine**
15 **safety, or its successor program; and further, the pharmacist shall refer the**
16 **patient with an adverse event to an immunization for appropriate medical care.**

17 **(3)The pharmacist shall maintain for at least two years a record of each**
18 **immunization administered.**

19 **(4)The pharmacist shall obtain the appropriate credential to administer**
20 **immunization from the board, as administratively defined, prior to**
21 **administering any such immunization.**

22 **(5)The pharmacist shall request the name of a patient's primary care**
23 **provider prior to the administering of any immunization. If the patient**
24 **identifies such primary care provider to the pharmacist, the pharmacist shall**
25 **notify the primary care provider, by written or electronic communication, as**
26 **soon as reasonably possible thereafter that the immunization was administered.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

Proposed law provides that in any parish designated as a health professional shortage area a pharmacist may administer any of the following vaccines:

- (1) Influenza, to any person seven years of age or older.
- (2) Pneumococcal, to any person eighteen years of age or older.
- (3) Zoster, to any person eighteen years of age or older.

Proposed law provides that the pharmacist shall administer each immunization in conformance with the most current vaccination administration as set forth by the United States Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Proposed law provides that the pharmacist shall report each influenza immunization to the office of public health's Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide.

Proposed law provides that the pharmacist shall report all adverse events he observes or which are reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System.

Proposed law provides that the pharmacist shall maintain for at least two years a record of each immunization administered.

Proposed law provides that the pharmacist shall obtain the appropriate credential to administer immunization from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

Proposed law provides that the pharmacist shall request the name of a patient's primary care provider prior to the administering of any immunization and notify the provider.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 37:1218.1)