

## Louisiana Administrative Code

### Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

#### Part LIII: Pharmacists

#### Chapter 5. Pharmacists

##### §521. ~~Prescription Orders to Administer~~ Administration of Medications

- A. Purpose. The rules of this section describe the minimum requirements for the administration of medications to patients by Louisiana licensed pharmacists.
- B. A licensed pharmacist may administer medication directly to a patient upon the prescription or order of a practitioner. Such a prescription or order shall be known as an “Authority to Administer.”
1. An Authority to Administer is valid only for the pharmacist meeting the requirements herein and is not transferable.
  2. An Authority to Administer, once granted, is valid for a period of time not to exceed six months, unless revoked sooner by the practitioner granting the order.
- C. A properly executed Authority to Administer shall:
1. identify the licensed practitioner’s name, office address, and telephone number;
  2. bear the patient’s name, address, gender, and date of birth;
  3. identify the medication, dose, and route of administration;
  4. identify the pharmacist authorized to administer the medication; and
  5. bear the date of the original order and the date of any authorized subsequent dose administrations.
- D. Requirements. Unless otherwise specifically authorized by the board, a pharmacist shall meet the following minimum standards to qualify for an Authority to Administer:
1. obtain and maintain a license to practice pharmacy from the board;
  2. successfully complete a board approved course of study from a board approved provider that:
    - a. requires documentation by the pharmacist of current certification in the American Heart Association’s Basic Cardiac Life Support for Healthcare Providers, its successor, or board approved equivalent;
    - b. is an evidence based didactic course that meets current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) training guidelines, or other guidelines as designated by the board, and provides a minimum of twenty hours of instruction and experiential training in the following content areas:
      - i. standards for medication administration practices;
      - ii. basic immunology;
      - iii. recommended medication administration schedules;
      - iv. vaccine storage and management;
      - v. informed consent;
      - vi. physiology and techniques for medication administration;
      - vii. pre and post administration assessment and counseling;
      - viii. medication administration record management; and
      - ix. management of adverse events, including identification and appropriate response, as well as documentation and reporting; and
    - e. provides documentation of the successful completion of the course to the participant.
      - i. The pharmacist shall display the certificate of completion in the primary practice site.
      - ii. The pharmacist shall submit a copy of said certificate to the board office for placement in the pharmacist’s permanent file.

- 52 E. ~~The pharmacist shall maintain continuing competency to accept an Authority to Administer, as~~  
53 ~~evidenced by:~~
- 54 1. ~~a current certification by the American Heart Association's Basic Cardiac Life Support for~~  
55 ~~Healthcare Providers, its successor, or board approved equivalent; and~~
  - 56 2. ~~successful completion of at least one hour of continuing education per year related to this area~~  
57 ~~of practice.~~
- 58 A. Pharmacists and pharmacy interns who intend to administer medications to their patients shall obtain a  
59 Medication Administration Registration from the board prior to engaging in such activity. Pharmacy  
60 interns in possession of the Medication Administration Registration may only administer medications  
61 while under the supervision of a pharmacist in possession of a Medication Administration Registration.
- 62 B. Medication Administration Registration
- 63 1. Eligibility
    - 64 a. The applicant shall possess a pharmacist license or pharmacy intern registration issued by the  
65 board; and further, such credential shall be active and valid for practice.
    - 66 b. The applicant shall demonstrate current life safety certification by the American Heart  
67 Association through its Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers course, or its  
68 successor, or by a board-approved equivalent.
    - 69 c. The applicant shall demonstrate successful completion of a certificate program for medication  
70 administration which has been approved by the board. The board may approve any program  
71 which is an evidence-based didactic course that meets current Centers for Disease Control and  
72 Prevention (CDC) training guidelines, or other guidelines as designated by the board, and  
73 provides a minimum of 20 hours of instruction and experiential training in the following  
74 content areas:
      - 75 i. standards for medication administration practices;
      - 76 ii. basic immunology;
      - 77 iii. recommended medication administration schedules;
      - 78 iv. vaccine storage and management;
      - 79 v. informed consent;
      - 80 vi. physiology and techniques for medication administration;
      - 81 vii. pre- and post-administration assessment and counseling;
      - 82 viii. medication administration record management; and
      - 83 ix. management of adverse events, including identification and appropriate response, as well  
84 as documentation and reporting.
  - 85 2. Application for Initial Issuance
    - 86 a. The applicant shall complete the application form supplied by the board and furnish the  
87 information requested.
    - 88 b. The applicant shall retain evidence of their education, training, and continuing competency;  
89 and further, shall furnish copies of such documentation upon request by the board.
    - 90 c. The board shall issue the registration with an expiration date matching the expiration date of  
91 the life safety certification card supplied with the application.
  - 92 3. Renewal
    - 93 a. In the event the pharmacist license or pharmacy intern registration expires before  
94 the expiration date of the Medication Administration Registration, then the authority to  
95 administer medications shall terminate. The authority to administer medications requires the  
96 primary credential as well as the Medication Administration Registration to be active at the  
97 same time.
    - 98 b. The renewal of an expired Medication Administration Registration requires demonstration of a  
99 current life safety certification as described above.
    - 100 c. To maintain continuing competency for medication administration, the pharmacist shall  
101 acquire at least one hour of continuing education per year related to this topic. Continuing  
102 education activities obtained for this purpose shall be acquired from a provider accredited by  
103 the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE); and further, the credit earned for  
104 such programs may be included within the total number of credits required to renew the  
105 pharmacist license.

- 106 F. Vaccines.
- 107 1. The pharmacist shall maintain and furnish the following information to the practitioner within
- 108 ~~twenty-four~~ 24 hours of the administration:
- 109 a. - i. ...
- 110 2. The immunizing pharmacist or pharmacy intern or his designee shall report the immunization
- 111 to the state immunization registry within 72 hours of the administration of the immunization.
- 112 G. ~~A pharmacist certified to administer medications may train a pharmacy intern to administer~~
- 113 ~~medication, provided the pharmacy intern meets the same educational requirements and minimum~~
- 114 ~~standards identified in Subsections D.2 and E of this Section. The intern shall be under the direct and~~
- 115 ~~immediate supervision of the certified pharmacist at all times during such training activities.~~
- 116 H. Pharmacies hosting immunization medication administration activities, as well as pharmacists and
- 117 pharmacy interns administering immunizations medications in a location other than a pharmacy, shall
- 118 comply with the following minimum standards:
- 119 1. There shall be sufficient staffing available for the pharmacist or pharmacy intern to administer
- 120 the immunization medication and monitor the patient afterward without distraction from other
- 121 responsibilities.
- 122 2. To facilitate emergency management of anaphylactic reactions, there shall be adequate
- 123 supplies of medication and equipment, as well as pre-determined procedures for the
- 124 arrangement of emergency medical services.
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