

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. Subsection A repealed~~

A. Pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians who intend to administer medications to their patients shall obtain a Medication Administration Registration from the board prior to engaging in such activity. Pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians in possession of the Medication Administration Registration may only administer medications while under the supervision of a pharmacist in possession of a Medication Administration Registration.

~~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. Subsection B repealed~~

B. Medication Administration Registration

1. Eligibility

a. The applicant shall possess a pharmacist license, intern registration, or pharmacy technician certificate issued by the board; and further, such credential shall be active and valid for practice.

b. The applicant shall demonstrate current life safety certification by the American Heart Association through its Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers course, or its successor, or by a board-approved equivalent.

c. The applicant shall demonstrate successful completion of a certificate program for medication administration which has been approved by the board. The board may approve any program which 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 20 hours of instruction and experiential training in the following content areas:

i. standards for medication administration practices;

- 38 ii. basic immunology;
39 iii. recommended medication administration schedules;
40 iv. vaccine storage and management;
41 v. informed consent;
42 vi. physiology and techniques for medication administration;
43 vii. pre- and post-administration assessment and counseling;
44 viii. medication administration record management; and
45 ix. management of adverse events, including identification and appropriate response, as well
46 as documentation and reporting.
- 47 2. Application for Initial Issuance
- 48 a. The applicant shall complete the application form supplied by the board and furnish the
49 information requested.
- 50 b. The applicant shall retain evidence of their education, training, and continuing competency;
51 and further, shall furnish copies of such documentation upon request by the board.
- 52 c. The board shall issue the registration with an expiration date matching the expiration date of
53 the life safety certification card supplied with the application.
- 54 3. Renewal
- 55 a. In the event the pharmacist license, intern registration, or technician certificate expires before
56 the expiration date of the Medication Administration Registration, then the authority to
57 administer medications shall terminate. The authority to administer medications requires the
58 primary credential as well as the Medication Administration Registration to be active at the
59 same time.
- 60 b. The renewal of an expired Medication Administration Registration requires demonstration of a
61 current life safety certification as described above.
- 62 c. To maintain continuing competency for medication administration, the pharmacist or the
63 pharmacy technician shall acquire at least one hour of continuing education per year related to
64 this topic. Continuing education activities obtained for this purpose shall be acquired from a
65 provider accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE); and
66 further, the credit earned for such programs may be included within the total number of credits
67 required to renew the pharmacist license or technician certificate.
- 68 C. A properly executed Authority to Administer shall:
- 69 1. identify the licensed practitioner's name, office address, and telephone number;
70 2. bear the patient's name, address, gender, and date of birth;
71 3. identify the medication, dose, and route of administration;
72 4. identify the pharmacist authorized to administer the medication; and

- 73 5. ~~bear the date of the original order and the date of any authorized subsequent dose~~
74 ~~administrations. Subsection C repealed~~
- 75 D. ~~Requirements. Unless otherwise specifically authorized by the board, a pharmacist shall meet the~~
76 ~~following minimum standards to qualify for an Authority to Administer:~~
- 77 1. ~~obtain and maintain a license to practice pharmacy from the board;~~
78 2. ~~successfully complete a board approved course of study from a board approved provider that:~~
- 79 a. ~~requires documentation by the pharmacist of current certification in the American~~
80 ~~Heart Association's Basic Cardiac Life Support for Healthcare Providers, its~~
81 ~~successor, or board approved equivalent;~~
82 b. ~~is an evidence based didactic course that meets current Centers for Disease~~
83 ~~Control and Prevention (CDC) training guidelines, or other guidelines as~~
84 ~~designated by the board, and provides a minimum of twenty hours of instruction~~
85 ~~and experiential training in the following content areas:~~
- 86 i. ~~standards for medication administration practices;~~
87 ii. ~~basic immunology;~~
88 iii. ~~recommended medication administration schedules;~~
89 iv. ~~vaccine storage and management;~~
90 v. ~~informed consent;~~
91 vi. ~~physiology and techniques for medication administration;~~
92 vii. ~~pre and post administration assessment and counseling;~~
93 viii. ~~medication administration record management; and~~
94 ix. ~~management of adverse events, including identification and appropriate~~
95 ~~response, as well as documentation and reporting; and~~
- 96 e. ~~provides documentation of the successful completion of the course to the~~
97 ~~participant.~~
- 98 i. ~~The pharmacist shall display the certificate of completion in the~~
99 ~~primary practice site.~~
- 100 ii. ~~The pharmacist shall submit a copy of said certificate to the board~~
101 ~~office for placement in the pharmacist's permanent file. Subsection D~~
102 ~~repealed~~
- 103 E. ~~The pharmacist shall maintain continuing competency to accept an Authority to Administer, as~~
104 ~~evidenced by:~~
- 105 1. ~~a current certification by the American Heart Association's Basic Cardiac Life Support for~~
106 ~~Healthcare Providers, its successor, or board approved equivalent; and~~
- 107 2. ~~successful completion of at least one hour of continuing education per year related to this area~~
108 ~~of practice. Subsection E repealed~~

109 ~~F~~ C. Vaccines110 1. The pharmacist shall maintain and furnish the following information to the practitioner within
111 ~~twenty-four~~ 24 hours of the administration:

- 112 a. Name and address of the patient;
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- 113 b. Age of the patient, if under 14 years of age;
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- 114 c. Name of the patient's primary care physician as provided by the patient or patient's agent;
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- 115 d. Name, manufacturer, and lot number of the vaccine administered;
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- 116 e. Amount administered;
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- 117 f. Date of vaccine administration;
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- 118 g. Site of vaccine administration;
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- 119 h. Route of administration; and
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- 120 i. Name, address, and telephone number of the pharmacist administering the vaccine.

121 2. The immunizing pharmacist or his designee shall report the immunization to the state
122 immunization registry within 72 hours of the administration of the immunization.123 ~~G. A pharmacist certified to administer medications may train a pharmacy intern to administer
124 medication, provided the pharmacy intern meets the same educational requirements and minimum
125 standards identified in Subsections D.2 and E of this Section. The intern shall be under the direct and
126 immediate supervision of the certified pharmacist at all times during such training activities.~~127 ~~Subsection G repealed~~128 ~~H D. Pharmacies hosting immunization medication administration activities, as well as pharmacists
129 administering immunizations medications in a location other than a pharmacy, shall comply with the
130 following minimum standards:~~

- 131 a.
- ~~There shall be sufficient staffing available for the pharmacist to administer the immunization
132 medication and monitor the patient afterward without distraction from other responsibilities.~~
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- 133 b.
- ~~To facilitate emergency management of anaphylactic reactions, there shall be adequate
134 supplies of medication and equipment, as well as pre-determined procedures for the
135 arrangement of emergency medical services.~~

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