

Louisiana Administrative Code

Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards

Part LIII: Pharmacists

Chapter 5. Pharmacists

§521. Prescription Orders to Administer 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
 - c. 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 F. Vaccines. The pharmacist shall maintain and furnish the following information to the practitioner
59 within twenty-four hours of the administration:
- 60 1. name and address of the patient;
 - 61 2. age of the patient, if under fourteen years of age;
 - 62 3. name of the patient's primary care physician as provided by the patient or patient's agent;
 - 63 4. name, manufacturer, and lot number of the vaccine administered;
 - 64 5. amount administered;
 - 65 6. date of vaccine administration;
 - 66 7. site of vaccine administration;
 - 67 8. route of administration; and
 - 68 9. name, address, and telephone number of the pharmacist administering the vaccine.
- 69 G. A pharmacist certified to administer medications may train a pharmacy intern to administer
70 medication, provided the pharmacy intern meets the same educational requirements and minimum
71 standards identified in Subsections D.2 and E of this Section. The intern shall be under the direct and
72 immediate supervision of the certified pharmacist at all times during such training activities.
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