

## Medication Administration by Pharmacists

§521 of the Board's rules permit a pharmacist, once properly trained and recognized by the Board, to administer medications to his patient.

- The rule specifies the type of education and training the pharmacist must complete before engaging in this professional activity.
- The rule specifies the type of patient-specific order required from the prescriber to the pharmacist.

The Board has approved the following programs of education and training for medication administration. You must complete one of these:

- *Pharmacy-Based Immunization*, a certificate program administered by the American Pharmacists Association ([www.pharmacist.com](http://www.pharmacist.com)).
- *Pharmacy-Based Immunization*, a certificate program administered by the College of Pharmacy at the University of Findlay ([www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu)).
- *Web-based Immunization Administration Training for Pharmacists*, a certificate program administered by the Collaborative Education Institute ([www.theCEInstitute.org](http://www.theCEInstitute.org)).
- *Web-based Immunization Administration Training for Pharmacists*, a certificate program administered by Drug Store News, in collaboration with CEI (above).

The Board has approved the following programs of life safety education and training. You must complete one of these, and then maintain a current certification:

- *Basic Cardiac Life Support for Healthcare Provider*, from the American Heart Association (AHA).
- *CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer*, from the American Red Cross (ARC).
- *CPR Pro for the Professional Rescuer*, from the American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI).

**NOTE!** Both the AHA and the ARC offer several different types of life safety training; please be sure you obtain the level of training specified by the rule.

Once you complete the education and training, you should submit copies of your credentials [completion of education program (the course completion certificate, not the CE statement), and CPR card] along with a written request for approval to engage in medication administration activities. You may mail, fax, or email your request and copies of credentials. There is no fee for this process. When your credentials have been verified, the Board will send you a letter of approval containing your Medication Administration Registry Number. When you receive that letter, you will then be authorized to administer medications to Louisiana residents, in accordance with the requirements of §521 of the Board's rules.

Please remember that pharmacists engaging in this practice are required to obtain at least one hour of CE per year related to this practice; you will remain subject to audit on that requirement at all times.