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4 By Representative/Senator _____
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6 PHARMACISTS: Provides relative to administration of immunizations.
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8 AN ACT
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10 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1218, relative to administration of influenza immunization, and
11 R.S. 37:1218.1, relative to administration of immunizations and vaccines other than
12 influenza immunizations.

13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

14 Section 1. R.S. 37:1218 and R.S. 37:1218.1 are hereby amended and reenacted to read:

15 §1218. Administration of influenza immunization

16 A pharmacist, or pharmacy intern or certified pharmacy technician under the supervision
17 of a pharmacist, may administer an influenza immunization to any person ~~seven~~ three
18 years of age or older without a prescription or medical order, contingent upon all of the
19 following provisions:

20 (1) The pharmacist, pharmacy intern and certified pharmacy technician shall
21 administer influenza immunizations in conformance with the most current annual
22 influenza vaccination protocol as set forth by the United States Centers for
23 Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization
24 Practice (~~ACIP~~).

25 (2) The pharmacist or his agent shall report each influenza immunization to the
26 ~~Louisiana Office of Public Health Immunization Registry~~ Department of Health,
27 office of public health's Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide at
28 the time of the immunization or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

29 (3) The pharmacist or his agent shall report all adverse events he observes or which
30 are reported to him to the Vaccines Adverse Events Reporting System (~~VAERS~~),
31 the cooperative program of the CDC and the United States Food and Drug
32 Administration for vaccine safety, or its successor program; and further, the
33 pharmacist shall refer the patient with an adverse event to the influenza
34 immunization for appropriate medical care.

35 (4) The pharmacist or his agent shall maintain for at least two years a record of each
36 influenza immunization administered.

37 (5) The pharmacist, pharmacy intern and certified pharmacy technician shall obtain
38 the appropriate ~~credential to administer influenza immunizations from the board~~
39 education and training, as administratively defined, prior to administering any
40 such immunization; and further, shall retain evidence of their continuing
41 competency for such immunizations, as administratively defined by the board.

42 §1218.1 Administration of immunizations and vaccines other than influenza immunizations

43 A. A pharmacist, or pharmacy intern or certified pharmacy technician under the
44 supervision of a pharmacist, may administer to an individual age ~~seventeen~~ three
45 or older an immunization or a vaccine without a patient-specific prescription or
46 medical order if the immunization or vaccine is administered in conformance with
47 the most current immunization administration protocol as set forth by the United
48 States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on

49 Immunization Practice. At the time that a pharmacist, pharmacy intern or
50 certified pharmacy technician administers an immunization or vaccine under the
51 provisions of this Section, the pharmacist, pharmacy intern or certified pharmacy
52 technician shall also inform the individual that the administration of an
53 immunization or vaccine under this Section is not to be construed as being in lieu
54 of an annual checkup with the individual's primary care or family physician.

55 (1) The pharmacist or his agent shall report each immunization to the
56 Department of Health, office of public health's Louisiana Immunization
57 Network for Kids Statewide at the time of the immunization or as soon as
58 reasonably practicable thereafter, as this is the official state vaccination
59 record.

60 (2) The pharmacist or his agent shall report all adverse events he observes or
61 which are reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting
62 System, the cooperative program of the United States Centers for Disease
63 Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United States Food and Drug
64 Administration for vaccine safety, or its successor program; and further,
65 the pharmacist shall refer the patient with an adverse event to an
66 immunization for appropriate medical care.

67 (3) The pharmacist or his agent shall maintain for at least two years a record
68 of each immunization administered.

69 (4) The pharmacist, pharmacy intern and certified pharmacy technician shall
70 obtain the appropriate ~~credential to administer immunizations from the~~
71 ~~board~~ education and training, as administratively defined, prior to
72 administering any such immunization; and further, shall retain evidence of

73 their continuing competency for such immunizations, as administratively
74 defined by the board.

75 (5) The pharmacist or his agent shall request the name of a patient's primary
76 care provider prior to the administering of any immunization. If the
77 patient identifies such primary care provider to the pharmacist or his
78 agent, the pharmacist or his agent shall notify the primary care provider,
79 by written or electronic communication, as soon as reasonably possible
80 thereafter that the immunization was administered.

81 B. This Section shall not apply to the administering of an immunization pursuant to
82 R.S. 37:1218.

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