

Chapter 52. Board of Pharmacy.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not in boldface or underlined.)

12 AAC 52.235(a) is amended to read:

12 AAC 52.235. Pharmacy technician with national certification. (a) A pharmacy technician who holds a national certification may, at the discretion of the pharmacist on duty and under the direct supervision of that pharmacist,

(1) perform a final check of and distribute a non-controlled substance prescription if

(A) the prescription drug order has previously undergone a drug regimen review by a pharmacist, including determination of substitution;

(B) the pharmacy uses a bar code scanning and verification system that confirms that the drug selected to fill the prescription is the same as indicated on the prescription label;

(C) the pharmacy uses software that displays the image or graphical description of the correct drug being verified; however, if there is any deviation between the image or graphical description and the actual product being distributed, a pharmacist must review and dispense the order; and

(D) each prescription distributed is electronically verified and the date and quantity distributed is documented in the patient record;

(2) transfer a non-controlled substance prescription drug order as described in 12 AAC 52.500; [OR]

(3) clarify or obtain missing information from the practitioner or the practitioner's authorized agent on a non-controlled substance prescription drug order; **or**

(4) administer an immunization and related emergency medication in

accordance with 12 AAC 52.325 and 12 AAC 52.992.

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Authority: AS 08.80.005 AS 08.80.030

12 AAC 52.325 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 AAC 52.325. Continuing education requirements for pharmacy technicians.

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(e) A pharmacy technician with national certification administering a vaccine or related emergency medication under 12 AAC 52.992 shall certify having completed one hour of Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) approved continuing education specific to immunizations or vaccines as part of the 10 contact hours of continuing education required under (a) of this section. (Eff. 5/5/2000, Register 154; am 1/18/2002, Register 161; am 1/17/2007, Register 181; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.01.100 AS 08.80.030 AS 08.80.165
AS 08.80.005

12 AAC 52.992 is repealed and readopted to read:

12 AAC 52.992. Administration of vaccines and related emergency medications. (a) Before a pharmacist, intern, or pharmacy technician with national certification may administer a human vaccine or related emergency medication to a patient who does not have immunization contraindications as listed by the CDC, FDA, or manufacturer's package insert, or to a patient under a prescription drug order from a prescriber, the licensee

(1) must successfully complete a course accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) or a comparable course for pediatric, adolescent, and adult immunization practices that includes instruction specific to the license type:

(A) for pharmacists and interns, training must include

- (i) basic immunology, vaccine, and immunization protection;
- (ii) diseases that may be prevented by vaccination or

immunization;

- (iii) current CDC immunization schedules;
- (iv) vaccine storage and handling;
- (v) informed consent;
- (vi) techniques and routes of administration;
- (vii) pre and post-immunization assessment and counseling;
- (viii) immunization reporting and records management; and
- (ix) identifying, responding to, documenting, and reporting adverse

responses;

(B) for pharmacy technicians with national certification, training must include

- (i) vaccine storage and handling;
- (ii) techniques and routes of administration;
- (iii) immunization reporting and records management; and
- (iv) identifying, responding to, documenting, and reporting adverse

responses;

(2) must maintain certification and keep documentation in adult and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) training;

(3) who has not administered a vaccine during the past 10 years must complete a

course as described in (1) of this subsection before administering a vaccine; and

(4) must adhere to the applicable sections of 12 AAC 52.320 and 12 AAC 52.325, including continuing education requirements under 12 AAC 52.320(e).

(b) A pharmacy which administers a human vaccine or related emergency medication under this section

(1) must stock the following emergency medications in an emergency medication kit that is separate from the regular dispensing inventory, and that is carried by the pharmacist if providing off-site immunizations:

(A) oral and injectable diphenhydramine; and

(B) adult and pediatric auto-inject epinephrine devices, or injectable epinephrine;

(2) must maintain a policy and procedure manual detailing the immunization practices that must be followed; the manual must

(A) designate either the pharmacist-in-charge or an assigned vaccine coordinator who will be responsible for maintaining the policy and procedures manual;

(B) document that the policy and procedures manual has been reviewed and updated annually;

(C) address how vaccine related adverse reactions are to be reported to the CDC's and FDA's Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS);

(D) address proper vaccine storage, handling, and maintenance, including maintaining manufacturer-recommended temperatures during transportation of vaccines;

(E) address proper disposal of used or contaminated supplies;

(F) contain a written emergency protocol for handling accidental needlesticks and adverse reactions, including the administration of related emergency medications; and

(G) detail how records must be kept;

(3) must have access to the latest edition of the CDC's *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* as a reference; and

(4) must display each licensee's certification of completing the immunization course described in (a)(1) of this section.

(c) A pharmacist, intern, or pharmacy technician with national certification administering a vaccine must

(1) offer the patient or the patient's agent the current vaccine information statement (VIS) issued by the CDC for each vaccine administered;

(2) comply with 7 AAC 27.650.

(d) Failure to comply with this section constitutes unprofessional conduct and is a basis for the imposition of disciplinary sanctions under AS 08.01.075.

(e) In this section,

(1) "CDC" means the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

(2) "FDA" means the United States Food and Drug Administration. (Eff.

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Authority: AS 08.01.075 AS 08.80.168 AS 08.80.480
AS 08.80.030 AS 08.80.261