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MAINE BOARD OF PHARMACY

STATEMENT OF THE MAINE BOARD OF PHARMACY ON
Whether Rulemaking is Required Before Pharmacists are
Permitted to Administer Vaccines Consistent with Public
Law 2023 Chapter 170

At its October 5, 2023 Board Meeting, the Board reviewed correspondence that raised the following question:

Does the Board believe rulemaking is required by the recent statutory amendments to 32 M.R.S. § 13831 enacted via Public Law 2023 Chapter 170 *before* licensed pharmacists may administer the vaccines as authorized by those statutory amendments.

After consideration of the nature of the amendments, the Board issues the following statement:

Given the nature of the June 2023 amendments to 32 M.R.S. § 13831, that updated the scope of authorizations for pharmacists to administer vaccines, the Board does not believe rulemaking is required *before* Maine-licensed and ADV-certified pharmacists can administer vaccines consistent with Section 13831. 32 M.R.S. § 13831, *amended by* [P.L. 2023, ch. 170](#) (emergency, effective June 15, 2023).

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