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LAW CHANGE

Authority for Pharmacists to Administer Vaccines

On June 15, 2023, LD 1151, *An Act Concerning the Authority for Pharmacists to Administer Vaccines*, was signed into law. The bill updated the scope of authorizations for pharmacists to administer vaccines by amending 32 M.R.S. § 13831.

As of June 15, 2023, the law permits a Maine-licensed and ADV-certified pharmacist to administer:

- **Flu vaccines to a person three (3) years of age or older without a prescription.**
- **Any vaccines licensed by the U.S. FDA that are [recommended by the U.S. CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#):**
 - **to a person three (3) years of age or older and under eighteen (18) years of age, according to a valid prescription from a prescriber licensed under Title 32 chapters [31](#), [36](#) or [48](#); or**
 - **to a person eighteen (18) years of age or older without a prescription.**
- **Any vaccines licensed by the U.S. FDA that are outside the guidelines recommended by the U.S. CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to a person eighteen (18) years or older according to a valid prescription that specifically states that the vaccine is *medically necessary*.**

The law requires the pharmacist to provide a written immunization record to the vaccine recipient.

The law also requires that **within 72 hours** after administering a vaccine, that the pharmacist notify (a) the person's primary care provider (if any) and, (b) as of August 1, 2023, report the administration of the vaccine to the appropriate state immunization information reporting system, which is currently [ImmPact](#).

On October 6, 2023, the Board issued Written Statement #01-2023 indicating that the Board does not believe rulemaking is necessary *before* an appropriately licensed and ADV-certified pharmacist is permitted to administer vaccines consistent with the above-stated authorizations.

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