

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**CHANGES REGARDING PHARMACIST IMMUNIZATIONS**  
(ver. 5/5/08)

**Section 1.** NAC 639.2971 shall be amended as follows:

1. A pharmacist may administer immunizations by an intranasal, intramuscular or subcutaneous injection in compliance with a written protocol from a physician that authorizes a pharmacist to administer such an immunization. Such a protocol must contain:

(a) The name of the physician who is authorizing the administration of immunizations by a pharmacist;

(b) ~~[(The name of the pharmacist authorized to administer immunizations;~~

~~—(c) The location or locations at which the pharmacist may administer immunizations;~~

~~—(d)]~~ The *immunization or* immunizations that may be administered by ~~[(the] a~~ pharmacist;

~~[(e)]~~ (c) Detailed policies and procedures that the pharmacist must follow while administering immunizations, including, without limitation, procedures to follow in the case of adverse reactions or emergencies following administration;

~~[(f) A procedure requiring the pharmacist to report the administration of immunizations to the physician issuing the written protocol, including, without limitation:~~

~~——(1) A specification of the time within which such reporting must occur; and~~

~~——(2) A requirement that the pharmacist submit a periodic status report concerning any problems, complications or emergencies encountered while administering immunizations;~~

~~—(g)]~~ (d) A procedure for the review of the protocol and its operation by the ~~[(pharmacist and the] physician~~ at least once annually, and the making and keeping of a record of the review;

~~[(h)]~~ (e) A restriction that the pharmacist may not administer any immunization to a patient who is less than ~~[(14] 10~~ years of age *, and, when appropriate, specific directions related to the age of a patient;*

~~[(i)]~~ (f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a restriction that the pharmacist may not delegate his authority to administer an immunization;

~~[(j)]~~ (g) A restriction that the pharmacist may not administer an immunization except at ~~[(the] an~~ authorized location, which location may not be the home of the patient, unless the patient resides in a licensed facility for long-term care or in a hospital;

~~[(k)]~~ (h) A requirement that the immunizations will be administered according to all applicable federal, state and local laws;

~~[(l) A restriction that the pharmacist, the pharmacy or the business at which the immunizations will be administered is prohibited from paying, offering or otherwise giving any remuneration to the physician for providing a written protocol or authorizing the administration of an immunization to any patient; and~~

~~—(m)]~~ (i) The signature of the physician authorizing the administration of the immunizations and the effective dates of the written protocol.

2. An intern pharmacist may administer immunizations by an intranasal, intramuscular or subcutaneous injection under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist who has

received a written protocol from a physician that authorizes the pharmacist to administer such an immunization.

3. If a physician orders a deviation from the written protocol with a pharmacist for the benefit of a specific patient, the physician shall note the deviations from the written protocol in the record of the patient.

*4. The protocol in this section may be specifically limited by the physician to a particular pharmacist or pharmacists, a particular location, a specific time, or other similar limitations. Unless so limited, the protocol shall be applicable to any pharmacist who is otherwise qualified and who subscribes to the protocol.*

*5. A pharmacist who provides an immunization pursuant to a protocol is not required to comply with R\*\*.\*.\*.\*.\*.*

**Section 2.** NAC 639.2972 shall be amended as follows:

A physician who has authorized a pharmacist to administer immunizations pursuant to a written protocol shall supervise the implementation of the protocol by the pharmacist or an intern pharmacist acting under the direct and immediate supervision of the pharmacist by:

1. ~~[Retaining responsibility for the quality of care rendered by the pharmacist or intern pharmacist;~~

~~—2.]~~ Being readily accessible to the pharmacist or intern pharmacist or the patient when the pharmacist is authorized to administer the immunizations for consultation, assistance and direction; and

~~[3.]~~ *2. When required by the protocol, [R]* reviewing a periodic status report from ~~[the]~~ *a* pharmacist or intern pharmacist concerning any problems, complications or emergencies encountered while administering immunizations.

**Section 3.** NAC 639.2973 shall be amended as follows:

1. Before a pharmacist may ~~[enter into]~~ *administer an immunization pursuant to* a written protocol ~~[with a physician to administer immunizations]~~ or before an intern pharmacist acting under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist may administer immunizations, the pharmacist or intern pharmacist must be trained and certified to administer immunizations by completing a course provided by the Office of Pharmacy Education, the University of Nevada School of Medicine or a provider approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education that includes:

(a) Certification in life-saving techniques pursuant to the American Heart Association's Basic Cardiac Life Support for Health Care Providers or its equivalent;

(b) Education and practical training, including, without limitation, written study materials regarding techniques for administering immunizations;

(c) Evaluation of the knowledge and technique of the pharmacist or intern pharmacist in administering immunizations;

(d) Instruction consistent with the current training guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a minimum of 20 hours of instruction and practical training concerning:

(1) The standards for pediatric, adolescent and adult immunization practices recommended and approved by the United States Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices;

- (2) Basic immunology, and vaccine and immunization protection;
- (3) Diseases that are preventable through vaccination and immunization;
- (4) Recommended immunization schedules;
- (5) Vaccine and immunization storage and management;
- (6) Informed consent;
- (7) Physiology and techniques for administration of immunizations;
- (8) Preimmunization and postimmunization assessment and counseling;
- (9) Immunization reporting and records management; and
- (10) Identification, response, documentation and reporting of adverse events.

2. In lieu of complying with the requirements of paragraph (e) of subsection 1, a pharmacist or an intern pharmacist who administers immunizations consisting exclusively of live attenuated influenza vaccine through the nasal passages of a person may complete a program of less than 20 hours of instruction which is accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education and includes instruction relating to:

- (a) The epidemiology of influenza;
- (b) The pathophysiology, clinical presentation, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of influenza;
- (c) The administration, storage and handling of influenza vaccines; and
- (d) The counseling of patients who will be immunized with the vaccine.

**Section 4.** NAC 639.2975 shall be amended as follows:

1. The drugs administered as immunizations by a pharmacist or an intern pharmacist acting under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist must be in the legal possession of:

- (a) The pharmacy that employs the pharmacist or intern pharmacist who will be administering the immunizations, which pharmacy is responsible for the drugs and the maintenance of records of administration of the immunizations; or
- (b) The physician who has authorized ~~the~~ a pharmacist to administer the immunizations, which physician is responsible for the drugs and the maintenance of records of administration of the immunizations.

2. The drugs used for immunizations must be transported and stored at the proper temperatures indicated for the drugs by the manufacturer.

3. While engaged in the administration of immunizations, a pharmacist or an intern pharmacist acting under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist may have in his custody and control the drugs for immunization that are identified in the written protocol and any other dangerous drugs listed in the written protocol to treat an adverse reaction.

4. If a pharmacist or an intern pharmacist acting under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist administers immunizations at a location other than a pharmacy, the pharmacist or intern pharmacist must return all unused drugs to the pharmacy or physician responsible for the drugs.

**Section 5.** NAC 639.2976 shall be amended as follows:

1. A pharmacist or an intern pharmacist acting under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist who administers immunizations shall notify ~~the~~:

- ~~—(a) The physician who issued the written protocol within 14 days after administering the immunizations;~~
- ~~—(b) The primary care physician of the patient, as provided by the patient or agent of the patient, within 14 days after administering the immunizations;~~

~~—(c) The county health department of the county where the immunization was administered and the State of Nevada as required by statute, regulation, ordinance or rule; and~~

~~—(d) T] the statewide immunization registry maintained by the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services.~~

2. The notifications required pursuant to subsection 1 ~~]:~~

~~—(a) Must include the name and address of the patient; and~~

~~—(b) May include:~~

~~—(1) The name of the primary care physician of the patient as provided by the patient or the agent of the patient;~~

~~—(2) The name, manufacturer and lot number of the drug administered;~~

~~—(3) The amount of the drug administered;~~

~~—(4) The date the immunization was administered;~~

~~—(5) The place on the body of the patient where the immunization was administered;~~

~~—(6) The route of administration of the immunization;~~

~~—(7) The name, address and title of the person administering the immunization;~~

~~—(8) Any adverse reactions suffered by the patient as a result of the immunization; and~~

~~—(9) Any other information required by federal, state or local law.]~~ *must be made by using and according to the requirements of the Immunization Information System established and maintained by the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services.*