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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Vaccination Orders**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a pharmacist to order certain vaccinations for individuals
4 who are at least a certain age without having to also administer the vaccination; and
5 generally relating to the ordering of vaccinations by pharmacists.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Health Occupations
8 Section 12–508
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Health Occupations**

14 12–508.

15 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, a pharmacist may order
16 **[and] A VACCINATION FOR INTRANASAL ADMINISTRATION OR** administer a vaccination
17 to an individual who is at least 3 years old if:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (i) The vaccine is:

- 2 1. An influenza vaccine;
- 3 2. A COVID–19 vaccine; or
- 4 3. Used in response to a public health emergency;

5 (ii) The pharmacist has completed a practical training program of at
6 least 20 hours that is approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and
7 includes:

- 8 1. Hands–on injection techniques;
- 9 2. Clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of
10 vaccines; and
- 11 3. The recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to
12 vaccines;

13 (iii) The pharmacist has a current certificate in basic
14 cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

15 (iv) The pharmacist has completed a minimum of 2 hours of
16 continuing pharmaceutical education related to immunizations that is approved by the
17 Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as part of the license renewal requirements
18 under § 12–309 of this title;

19 (v) The pharmacist complies with the record–keeping and reporting
20 requirements in paragraph (5) of this subsection and any corresponding regulations
21 adopted by the Board; and

22 (vi) If the vaccination is administered to an individual under the age
23 of 18 years, **OR ORDERED FOR INTRANASAL ADMINISTRATION BY ~~AN ADULT~~**
24 **~~CAREGIVER~~ A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 18**
25 **YEARS**, the pharmacist informs the child vaccination patient and adult caregiver who is
26 accompanying the child of the importance of well–child visits with a pediatric primary care
27 provider and refers the patient to a pediatric primary care provider when appropriate.

28 (2) Subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, a pharmacist who has met
29 the requirement of paragraph (1)(ii) through (vi) of this subsection may administer to an
30 individual who is at least 7 years old a vaccination that is:

31 (i) Recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and
32 Prevention’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; or

1 (ii) Approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug
2 Administration.

3 (3) Subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, a pharmacist who has met
4 the requirement of paragraph (1)(ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subsection may administer to an
5 adult a vaccination that is recommended in the Centers for Disease Control and
6 Prevention's Health Information for International Travel.

7 (4) (i) A pharmacist shall **ORDER OR** administer a vaccination under
8 paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection under a written protocol that:

9 1. Is vaccine specific; and

10 2. Meets criteria established by the Department, in
11 consultation with the Board, the Board of Physicians, and the Board of Nursing, in
12 regulation.

13 (ii) The recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and
14 Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices cited in this section refer to
15 federal statutes, rules, and guidance in effect:

16 1. On December 31, 2024; or

17 2. At a later date to account for any new vaccines
18 recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on
19 Immunization Practices after December 31, 2024.

20 (5) A pharmacist shall:

21 (i) Report all vaccinations administered **OR ORDERED** by the
22 pharmacist, **INCLUDING THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OF EACH VACCINATION ORDERED**
23 **BY THE PHARMACIST**, to the ImmuNet Program established under § 18-109 of the Health
24 – General Article;

25 (ii) If the vaccination has been administered in accordance with a
26 prescription, document at least one effort to inform the individual's authorized prescriber
27 that the vaccination has been administered; and

28 (iii) Except for an influenza vaccination administered under
29 paragraph (1) of this subsection, if the authorized prescriber is not the individual's primary
30 care provider or if the vaccination has not been administered in accordance with a
31 prescription, document at least one effort to inform the individual's primary care provider
32 or other usual source of care that the vaccination has been administered.

33 (b) The Board shall:

1 (1) Set reasonable fees for the administration of vaccinations under this
2 section; and

3 (2) Adopt regulations that require a pharmacist to submit a registration
4 form to the Board that includes verification that the pharmacist:

5 (i) Has successfully completed a certification course approved by the
6 Board that included instruction in the guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for
7 Disease Control and Prevention regarding vaccinations in effect on December 31, 2024; and

8 (ii) Is certified in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation and obtained
9 the certification through in-person classroom instruction.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.