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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the administration of certain immunizations; to amend chapter 563 of the laws of 2008, amending the education law and the public health law relating to immunizing agents to be administered to adults by pharmacists; to amend chapter 116 of the laws of 2012, amending the education law relating to authorizing a licensed pharmacist and certified nurse practitioner to administer certain immunizing agents, and to amend chapter 274 of the laws of 2013, amending the education law relating to authorizing a licensed pharmacist and certified nurse practitioner to administer meningococcal disease immunizing agents, in relation to making the provisions thereof permanent

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 6527 of the education law, as  
2     amended by chapter 116 of the laws of 2012 and paragraph (c) as added by  
3     chapter 274 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:  
4     7. [(a)] A licensed physician may prescribe and order a PATIENT  
5     SPECIFIC ORDER OR non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist,  
6     pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent  
7     with the public health law, for administering immunizations to prevent  
8     influenza [or], pneumococcal, ACUTE HERPES ZOSTER, MENINGOCOCCAL, TETA-  
9     NUS, DIPHTHERIA OR PERTUSSIS disease and medications required for emer-  
10    gency treatment of anaphylaxis. Nothing in this subdivision shall  
11    authorize unlicensed persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or  
12    other drugs.  
13    [(b)] A licensed physician may prescribe and order a patient specific  
14    order to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated by

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 the commissioner, and consistent with the public health law, for admin-  
2 istering immunizations to prevent acute herpes zoster.

3 (c) A licensed physician may prescribe and order a non-patient specif-  
4 ic regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated  
5 by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health law, for  
6 administering immunizations to prevent meningococcal disease.]

7 S 2. Subdivision 7 of section 6909 of the education law, as amended by  
8 chapter 116 of the laws of 2012 and paragraph (c) as added by chapter  
9 274 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

10 7. [(a)] A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a  
11 PATIENT SPECIFIC ORDER OR non-patient specific regimen to a licensed  
12 pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and  
13 consistent with the public health law, for administering immunizations  
14 to prevent influenza [or], pneumococcal, ACUTE HERPES ZOSTER, MENINGO-  
15 COCCAL, TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA OR PERTUSSIS disease and medications  
16 required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis. Nothing in this subdi-  
17 vision shall authorize unlicensed persons to administer immunizations,  
18 vaccines or other drugs.

19 [(b) A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a patient  
20 specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations  
21 promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health  
22 law, for administering immunizations to prevent acute herpes zoster.

23 (c) A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a non-pa-  
24 tient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations  
25 promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health  
26 law, for administering immunizations to prevent meningococcal disease.]

27 S 3. Subdivisions 2, 4 and 5 of section 6801 of the education law,  
28 subdivisions 2 and 4 as added by chapter 563 of the laws of 2008 and  
29 subdivision 5 as added by chapter 116 of the laws of 2012, are amended  
30 to read as follows:

31 2. A licensed pharmacist may execute a non-patient specific regimen  
32 prescribed or ordered by a [licensed] physician LICENSED IN THIS STATE  
33 or [certified] nurse practitioner CERTIFIED IN THIS STATE, pursuant to  
34 rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner. When a licensed  
35 pharmacist administers an immunizing agent, he or she shall:

36 (a) report such administration to the patient's attending primary  
37 health care practitioner or practitioners, if any, pursuant to rules and  
38 regulations of the commissioner; AND

39 (b) provide information to the patient on the importance of having a  
40 primary health care practitioner, developed by the commissioner of  
41 health[; and

42 (c) report such administration, absent of any individually identifi-  
43 able health information, to the department of health in a manner  
44 required by the commissioner of health].

45 4. [The commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner,  
46 shall prepare and submit a report to the governor and the legislature,  
47 on or before December thirty-first, two thousand eleven, reporting the  
48 results and evaluating the effectiveness and impact, if any, of imple-  
49 mentation of subdivision two of this section upon the supply of such  
50 immunizing agents for the prevention of influenza and pneumococcal  
51 disease, upon the geographical distribution of such agents, and upon the  
52 distribution of such agents among health care providers, including  
53 physicians, and pharmacies in New York state.

54 5.] When administering an immunization in a pharmacy, the licensed  
55 pharmacist shall provide an area for the immunization that provides for  
56 a patient's privacy.

1 S 4. Subdivision 22 of section 6802 of the education law, as amended  
2 by chapter 274 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 22. "Administer", for the purpose of section sixty-eight hundred one  
4 of this article, means the direct application of an immunizing agent to  
5 adults, whether by injection, ingestion or any other means, pursuant to  
6 [a.] a patient specific order or non-patient specific regimen prescribed  
7 or ordered by a physician or certified nurse practitioner[, who has a  
8 practice site in the county in which the immunization is administered,]  
9 for immunizations to prevent influenza [or], pneumococcal, ACUTE HERPES  
10 ZOSTER, MENINGOCOCCAL, TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA OR PERTUSSIS disease and  
11 medications required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis [or b. a  
12 patient specific order prescribed or ordered by a physician or certified  
13 nurse practitioner for immunizations to prevent acute herpes zoster or  
14 meningococcal disease or c. a patient specific order or non-patient  
15 specific regimen prescribed or ordered by a physician or certified nurse  
16 practitioner for immunizations to prevent meningococcal disease. If the  
17 county where the immunization is to be administered has a population of  
18 seventy-five thousand or less, then the licensed physician or certified  
19 nurse practitioner may be in an adjoining county. Such administration  
20 shall be limited to immunizing agents to prevent influenza or pneumococ-  
21 cal disease and medications required for emergency treatment of anaphy-  
22 laxis]. IF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH DETERMINES THAT THERE IS AN  
23 OUTBREAK OF DISEASE, OR THAT THERE IS THE IMMINENT THREAT OF AN OUTBREAK  
24 OF DISEASE, THEN THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH MAY ISSUE A NON-PATIENT  
25 SPECIFIC REGIMEN APPLICABLE STATEWIDE.

26 S 5. Section 8 of chapter 563 of the laws of 2008, amending the educa-  
27 tion law and the public health law relating to immunizing agents to be  
28 administered to adults by pharmacists, as amended by chapter 316 of the  
29 laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

30 S 8. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
31 have become a law [and shall expire and be deemed repealed March 31,  
32 2016].

33 S 6. Sections 5 and 6 of chapter 116 of the laws of 2012, amending the  
34 education law relating to authorizing a licensed pharmacist and certi-  
35 fied nurse practitioner to administer certain immunizing agents, are  
36 amended to read as follows:

37 S 5. [The commissioner of health, in consultation with the superinten-  
38 dent of financial services and the commissioner of education, shall  
39 prepare and submit a report to the governor and the legislature, on or  
40 before October first, two thousand fourteen, regarding the rates of  
41 health insurance plan coverage for immunizations to prevent acute herpes  
42 zoster in New York state. This information shall include, but not be  
43 limited to, the total number of people receiving immunizations to  
44 prevent acute herpes zoster from health care providers as compared to  
45 pharmacies in New York state; the rates of coverage from health insur-  
46 ance plans, including Medicare, for people receiving immunizations to  
47 prevent acute herpes zoster from health care providers as compared to  
48 pharmacies in New York state; the amount of co-pays and other fees  
49 required by health insurance plans, including Medicare, for people  
50 receiving immunizations to prevent acute herpes zoster from health care  
51 providers as compared to pharmacies in New York state; and a list of  
52 health insurance plans that do not provide coverage for people receiving  
53 immunizations to prevent acute herpes zoster from health care providers  
54 as compared to pharmacies in New York state as well as the amount or  
55 amounts that are charges to an individual receiving immunizations to  
56 prevent herpes zoster without any health insurance coverage.

1 S 6.] This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
2 have become a law [and shall expire and be deemed repealed July 1, 2015  
3 provided, that:

4 (a) the amendments to subdivision 7 of section 6527 of the education  
5 law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such  
6 subdivision and shall be deemed to be repealed therewith;

7 (b) the amendments to subdivision 7 of section 6909 of the education  
8 law, made by section two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such  
9 subdivision and shall be deemed to be repealed therewith;

10 (c) the amendments to subdivision 22 of section 6802 of the education  
11 law made by section three of this act shall not affect the repeal of  
12 such subdivision and shall be deemed to be repealed therewith; and

13 (d) the amendments to section 6801 of the education law made by  
14 section four of this act shall not affect the expiration of such section  
15 and shall be deemed to expire therewith].

16 S 7. Section 4 of chapter 274 of the laws of 2013, amending the educa-  
17 tion law relating to authorizing a licensed pharmacist and certified  
18 nurse practitioner to administer meningococcal disease immunizing  
19 agents, is amended to read as follows:

20 S 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
21 have become a law[; provided, that:

22 (a) the amendments to subdivision 7 of section 6527 of the education  
23 law, made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration and  
24 reversion of such subdivision, as provided in section 6 of chapter 116  
25 of the laws of 2012, and shall be deemed to expire therewith; and

26 (b) the amendments to subdivision 7 of section 6909 of the education  
27 law, made by section two of this act shall not affect the expiration and  
28 reversion of such subdivision, as provided in section 6 of chapter 116  
29 of the laws of 2012, and shall be deemed to be expire therewith; and

30 (c) the amendments to subdivision 22 of section 6802 of the education  
31 law made by section three of this act shall not affect the expiration of  
32 such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith].

33 S 8. This act shall take effect immediately.