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Introduced by M. of A. GOTTFRIED, SAYEGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to pharmacist immunizations

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 6527 of the education law, as amended by chapter 46 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

7. A licensed physician may prescribe and order a patient specific order or non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health law, for administering immunizations to prevent influenza, pneumococcal, acute herpes zoster, **hepatitis A, hepatitis B,** meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria or pertussis disease and medications required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis. Nothing in this subdivision shall authorize unlicensed persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or other drugs.

§ 2. Subdivision 7 of section 6527 of the education law, as amended by chapter 110 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

7. A licensed physician may prescribe and order a patient specific order or non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health law, for administering immunizations to prevent influenza, pneumococcal, acute herpes zoster, **hepatitis A, hepatitis B,** meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria, COVID-19, or pertussis disease and medications required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis. Nothing in this subdivision shall authorize unlicensed persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or other drugs.

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

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§ 3. Subdivision 22 of section 6802 of the education law, as amended by section 2 of part DD of chapter 57 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

22. "Administer", for the purpose of section sixty-eight hundred one of this article, means:

a. the direct application of an immunizing agent to adults, whether by injection, ingestion, inhalation or any other means, pursuant to a patient specific order or non-patient specific regimen prescribed or ordered by a physician or certified nurse practitioner, who has a practice site in the county or adjoining county in which the immunization is administered, for immunizations to prevent influenza, pneumococcal, acute herpes zoster, **hepatitis A, hepatitis B,** meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria or pertussis disease and medications required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis. If the commissioner of health determines that there is an outbreak of disease, or that there is the imminent threat of an outbreak of disease, then the commissioner of health may issue a non-patient specific regimen applicable statewide.

b. the direct application of an immunizing agent to children between the ages of two and eighteen years of age, whether by injection, ingestion, inhalation or any other means, pursuant to a patient specific order or non-patient specific regimen prescribed or ordered by a physician or certified nurse practitioner, who has a practice site in the county or adjoining county in which the immunization is administered, for immunization to prevent influenza and medications required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis resulting from such immunization. If the commissioner of health determines that there is an outbreak of influenza, or that there is the imminent threat of an outbreak of influenza, then the commissioner of health may issue a non-patient specific regimen applicable statewide.

§ 4. Subdivision 22 of section 6802 of the education law, as amended by chapter 110 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

22. "Administer", for the purpose of section sixty-eight hundred one of this article, means:

a. the direct application of an immunizing agent to adults, whether by injection, ingestion, inhalation or any other means, pursuant to a patient specific order or non-patient specific regimen prescribed or ordered by a physician or certified nurse practitioner, who has a practice site in the county or adjoining county in which the immunization is administered, for immunizations to prevent influenza, pneumococcal, acute herpes zoster, **hepatitis A, hepatitis B,** meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria, COVID-19, or pertussis disease and medications required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis. If the commissioner of health determines that there is an outbreak of disease, or that there is the imminent threat of an outbreak of disease, then the commissioner of health may issue a non-patient specific regimen applicable statewide.

b. the direct application of an immunizing agent to children between the ages of two and eighteen years of age, whether by injection, ingestion, inhalation or any other means, pursuant to a patient specific order or non-patient specific regimen prescribed or ordered by a physician or certified nurse practitioner, who has a practice site in the county or adjoining county in which the immunization is administered, for immunization to prevent influenza and medications required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis resulting from such immunization. If the commissioner of health determines that there is an outbreak of influenza, or that there is the imminent threat of an outbreak of influenza,

then the commissioner of health may issue a non-patient specific regimen applicable statewide.

§ 5. Subdivision 7 of section 6909 of the education law, as amended by chapter 46 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

7. A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a patient specific order or non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health law, for administering immunizations to prevent influenza, pneumococcal, acute herpes zoster, **hepatitis A, hepatitis B,** meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria or pertussis disease and medications required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis. Nothing in this subdivision shall authorize unlicensed persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or other drugs.

§ 6. Subdivision 7 of section 6909 of the education law, as amended by chapter 110 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

7. A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a patient specific order or non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health law, for administering immunizations to prevent influenza, pneumococcal, acute herpes zoster, **hepatitis A, hepatitis B,** meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria, COVID-19, or pertussis disease and medications required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis. Nothing in this subdivision shall authorize unlicensed persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or other drugs.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that sections two, four and six of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as chapter 110 of the laws of 2020 takes effect and shall expire and be deemed repealed pursuant to section four of chapter 110 of the laws of 2020; and

(a) the amendments to subdivision 7 of section 6527 of the education law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith;

(b) the amendments to subdivision 22 of section 6802 of the education law made by section three of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision pursuant to section 8 of chapter 563 of the laws of 2008, as amended, and shall be deemed repealed therewith; and

(c) the amendments to subdivision 7 of section 6909 of the education law, made by section five of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith.