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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the prescribing and administration of certain immunizations by a physician, pharmacist or a certified nurse practitioner

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 555 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 7. A licensed physician may prescribe and order a patient specific
5 order or non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant
6 to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the
7 public health law, for: (a) administering immunizations to prevent
8 influenza and COVID-19 to patients two years of age or older; and (b)
9 administering immunizations to prevent pneumococcal, acute herpes zost-
10 er, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, human papillomavirus, measles, mumps,
11 rubella, varicella, [~~COVID-19,~~] meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria or
12 pertussis disease and medications required for emergency treatment of
13 anaphylaxis to patients eighteen years of age or older; and (c) adminis-
14 tering other immunizations recommended by the advisory committee on
15 immunization practices of the centers for disease control and prevention
16 for patients eighteen years of age or older if the commissioner of
17 health in consultation with the commissioner determines that an immuni-
18 zation: (i) (A) may be safely administered by a licensed pharmacist
19 within their lawful scope of practice; and (B) is needed to prevent the
20 transmission of a reportable communicable disease that is prevalent in
21 New York state; or (ii) is a recommended immunization for such patients
22 who: (A) meet age requirements, (B) lack documentation of such immuniza-
23 tion, (C) lack evidence of past infection, or (D) have an additional
24 risk factor or another indication as recommended by the advisory commit-

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

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1 tee on immunization practices of the centers for disease control and
2 prevention. Nothing in this subdivision shall authorize unlicensed
3 persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or other drugs.

4 § 2. Section 6801 of the education law is amended by adding a new
5 subdivision 10 to read as follows:

6 10. A licensed pharmacist within their lawful scope of practice may
7 prescribe and order a patient specific order for medications to prevent
8 COVID-19 to patients two years of age or older.

9 § 3. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph a of subdivision 22 of section 6802
10 of the education law, as amended by chapter 802 of the laws of 2022, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (2) the direct application of an immunizing agent to children between
13 the ages of two and eighteen years of age, whether by injection, inges-
14 tion, inhalation or any other means, pursuant to a patient specific
15 order or non-patient specific regimen prescribed or ordered by a physi-
16 cian or certified nurse practitioner, for immunization to prevent influ-
17 enza and COVID-19 and medications required for emergency treatment of
18 anaphylaxis resulting from such immunization. If the commissioner of
19 health determines that there is an outbreak of influenza or COVID-19, or
20 that there is the imminent threat of an outbreak of influenza or COVID-
21 19, then the commissioner of health may issue a non-patient specific
22 regimen applicable statewide.

23 § 4. Subdivision 7 of section 6909 of the education law, as amended by
24 chapter 555 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

25 7. A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a patient
26 specific order or non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist,
27 pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent
28 with the public health law, for: (a) administering immunizations to
29 prevent influenza and COVID-19 to patients two years of age or older;
30 and (b) administering immunizations to prevent pneumococcal, acute
31 herpes zoster, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, human papillomavirus, measles,
32 mumps, rubella, varicella, [~~COVID-19,~~] meningococcal, tetanus, diphthe-
33 ria or pertussis disease and medications required for emergency treat-
34 ment of anaphylaxis to patients eighteen years of age or older; and (c)
35 administering other immunizations recommended by the advisory committee
36 on immunization practices of the centers for disease control and
37 prevention for patients eighteen years of age or older if the commis-
38 sioner of health in consultation with the commissioner determines that
39 an immunization: (i) (A) may be safely administered by a licensed phar-
40 macist within their lawful scope of practice; and (B) is needed to
41 prevent the transmission of a reportable communicable disease that is
42 prevalent in New York state; or (ii) is a recommended immunization for
43 such patients who: (A) meet age requirements, (B) lack documentation of
44 such immunization, (C) lack evidence of past infection, or (D) have an
45 additional risk factor or another indication as recommended by the advi-
46 sory committee on immunization practices of the centers for disease
47 control and prevention. Nothing in this subdivision shall authorize
48 unlicensed persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or other drugs.
49 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.