

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the practice of pharmacy, including the administration of certain vaccines.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 155A.46, subsection 1, paragraph “c”, 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2322, section 7, is amended to read as follows:

c. A pharmacist may, pursuant to statewide protocols developed by the board in consultation with the department of public health and consistent with subsection 2, order and administer ~~the final two doses in a course of vaccinations for HPV~~ to patients ages eleven years and older:

(1) the final two doses in a course of vaccinations for HPV (human papillomavirus).

(2) a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccination as required in section 139A.8, subsection 2, paragraph “a”.

(3) a meningococcal vaccination as required in section 139A.8, subsection 2, paragraph “e”.

Sec. 2. Section 155A.46, subsection 1, paragraph “d”, 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2322, section 7, is amended to read as follows:

d. Prior to the ordering and administration of a vaccination or immunization authorized by this subsection, pursuant to statewide protocols, a licensed pharmacist shall consult and review the statewide immunization registry or health information network, except for influenza or other emergency immunizations or vaccinations in response to a public health emergency. The board shall adopt rules requiring the reporting of the administration of vaccines and immunizations authorized by this subsection, except for influenza or other emergency immunizations or vaccinations in response to a public health emergency, to a patient’s primary health care provider, primary physician, and a statewide immunization registry or health information network.

Sec. 3. Section 155A.46, 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2322, section 7, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Following a pharmacist's clinical determination of the appropriateness of an immunization or vaccination pursuant to statewide protocols, including consultation and review of the statewide immunization registry or health information network, unless excepted pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph "d," a pharmacist may delegate the technical administration function pursuant to rules of the board.

EXPLANATION

This bill seeks to expand access to immunizations for patients eleven years and older for the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) and meningococcal vaccinations. The bill restores an exception to the requirement that a pharmacist must consult and review the statewide immunization registry or health information network prior to the administration of an influenza vaccination or vaccination in response to a public health emergency or to report such administration to the statewide registry or network. The bill allows, following the pharmacist's clinical determination of the appropriateness of an immunization or vaccination pursuant to statewide protocols, the pharmacist may delegate the technical administration function pursuant to rules of the board.