

Title 16. BOARD OF PHARMACY

Proposed Text

Proposal to add §1746.4 of Article 5 of Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

§1746.4 Pharmacists Initiating and Administering Vaccines.

(a) A pharmacist initiating and/or administering vaccines pursuant to section 4052.8 of the Business and Professions Code shall follow the requirements specified in subdivisions (b) through (f) of this section.

(b) Training: A pharmacist who initiates and/or administers any vaccine shall keep documentation of:

(1) Completion of an approved immunization training program, and

(2) Basic life support certification.

This documentation shall be kept on site and available for inspection.

(c) Continuing Education: Pharmacists must complete one hour of ongoing continuing education focused on immunizations and vaccines from an approved provider once every two years.

(d) Notifications: The pharmacist shall notify the patient's primary care provider of any vaccines administered to the patient, or enter the appropriate information in a patient record system shared with the primary care provider, as permitted by the primary care provider. Primary care provider notification must take place within 30 days of the administration of any vaccine. If the patient does not have a primary care provider, or is unable to provide contact information for his or her primary care provider, the pharmacist shall advise the patient to consult an appropriate health care provider of the patient's choice.

(e) Immunization Registry: A pharmacist shall fully report the information described in Section 120440(c) of the Health and Safety Code into one or more state and/or local immunization information systems within 30 days of the administration of any vaccine. The pharmacist shall inform the patient or the patient's guardian of immunization record sharing preferences, detailed in Section 120440(e) of the Health and Safety Code.

(f) Documentation: For each vaccine administered by a pharmacist, a patient medication record shall be maintained in an automated data processing or manual record mode such that the required information under title 42, section 300aa-25 of the United States Code is readily retrievable during the pharmacy or facility's normal operating hours. A pharmacist shall provide

the patient with a vaccine administration record, which fully documents the initiation and administration of any vaccine. An example of an appropriate vaccine administration record is available on the Board of Pharmacy's website.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4005, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4052 and 4052.8, Business and Professions Code.