

Adopt Ph 1300 to read as follows:

CHAPTER Ph 1300 PHARMACIST ADMINISTRATION OF INFLUENZA VACCINES

PART Ph 1301 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Ph 1301.01 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to implement and regulate pharmacist administration of influenza vaccines as a means to make vaccinations more easily accessible and therefore providing immunity to a larger patient population.

Ph 1301.02 Scope. These rules shall regulate pharmacist administration of influenza vaccines only in the following institutions where the practice of pharmacy is permitted:

- (a) Hospitals;
- (b) Long-term care facilities;
- (c) Ambulatory care clinics;
- (d) Retail pharmacies; or
- (e) A board-approved setting not included in the above named locations.

PART Ph 1302 DEFINITIONS

Ph 1302.01 “Administer” means “administer” as defined in RSA 318:1, I, namely, “an act whereby a single dose of a drug is instilled into the body of, applied to the body of, or otherwise given to a person or animal for immediate consumption or use.”

Ph 1302.02 “Licensed pharmacist” or “pharmacist” means “licensed pharmacist” or “pharmacist” as defined in RSA 318:1, VII, namely, “when not otherwise limited, means a person holding a license under RSA 318:18 and who is, therefore legally authorized to practice the profession of pharmacy in this state.”

Ph 1302.03 “Practitioner” or “licensed practitioner” means “practitioner” or “licensed practitioner” as defined in RSA 318:1, XV, namely, “means any person who is lawfully entitled to prescribe, administer, dispense, or distribute legend drugs to patients.”

PART Ph 1303 PHARMACIST ADMINISTRATION OF INFLUENZA VACCINES QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION

Ph 1303.01 Qualifications.

(a) A pharmacist who seeks to engage in the administration of influenza vaccines shall meet the requirements of:

- (1) RSA 318:16-b, I, relative to education or experience;
- (2) RSA 318:16-b, II, relative to professional liability insurance coverage; and
- (3) RSA 318:16-b, III, relative to completion of continuing education.

(b) A pharmacist who seeks to engage in the administration of influenza vaccines shall hold current basic or higher certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or from another organization or entity that is nationally-recognized as an issuer of such certifications.

(c) A pharmacist shall not delegate the administration of influenza vaccines to any person.

Ph 1303.02 Application.

(a) A pharmacist who seeks to engage in the administration of influenza vaccines shall provide the following on a “Pharmacist Administration of Influenza Vaccines Application” as specified in RSA 318:16-b, IV:

- (1) The pharmacist’s name and license number;
- (2) The pharmacist’s business and home address;
- (3) A copy of the current certificate of insurance from the pharmacist’s professional liability carrier indicating that the pharmacist maintains insurance coverage that complies with RSA 318:16-b, II;
- (4) A copy of the certificate of training as required by RSA 318:16-b, III;
- (5) A copy of the current CPR certification;
- (6) An indication that the information provided on or with the application is true, correct, and complete to the best of the pharmacist’s knowledge and belief; and
- (7) The signature of the pharmacist and the date signed.

(b) After receipt of a “Pharmacist Administration of Influenza Vaccines Application” the board’s staff shall review it for any apparent errors or omissions and inform the applicant in writing if any are found. If informed of errors or omissions, the pharmacist shall correct the error or provide the missing application materials within 30 days of such notification being sent.

(c) After receipt of a satisfactory “Pharmacist Administration of Influenza Vaccines Application” the pharmacist shall receive an authorization letter from the board.

PART Ph 1304 PHARMACIST ADMINISTRATION OF INFLUENZA VACCINES PROCEDURAL AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

Ph 1304.01 Vaccine Administration Requirements. A pharmacist who seeks to engage in the administration of influenza vaccines shall comply with the following procedures:

(a) Administer pursuant to a standing order from a practitioner practicing within their scope of practice;

(b) Provide the patient with a Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) as provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC);

(c) Ensure that the patient has received and signed the Patient Consent Form and has been counseled and their questions answered prior to administration of the vaccine;

(d) Maintain and follow written policies and procedures for establishing a course of action the pharmacist shall follow to address:

(1) Adverse reactions;

(2) Anaphylactic reactions including a standard order for treatment ;

(3) Accidental needle sticks; and

(4) Handling/disposal of used or contaminated equipment and supplies.

(e) Report all adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) and to the practitioner that prescribed the vaccine; and primary care physician if applicable.

(f) Provide the patient with documentation of the vaccination and when appropriate report it to the immunization section of the New Hampshire department of health and human services to be added to the Vaccination Registry.

Ph 1304.02 Recordkeeping. A pharmacist who seeks to engage in the administration of influenza vaccines shall, for a minimum of 2 years, keep a patient consent form that includes the:

(a) Name and date of birth of the patient;

(b) Manufacturer, lot number, and expiration date of the vaccine;

- (c) Description of the risks and possible side effects of the vaccine;
- (d) Date of administration;
- (e) Administering pharmacist's name; and
- (f) Signature of the patient.

Appendix

Statutory Cross-Reference Table

Rule	Statute Implemented
Ph 1301.01	RSA 541-A:8
Ph 1301.02	RSA 541-A:8 and RSA 318:5-a, IV-a
Ph 1302	RSA 541-A:7; RSA 541-A:8, and RSA 318:1, I, VII and XV
Ph 1303.01	RSA 318:16-b
Ph 1303.02	RSA 318:5-a, III and RSA 318:16-b, VI
Ph 1304	RSA 318:5-a, IV-a