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Good Evening Colleagues,

Yesterday Governor Sununu signed executive order #79 allowing qualified technicians to be able to administer the COVID 19 vaccine. This puts into place the directives authored in the PREP Act protecting pharmacists and qualified technicians from liability during the Public Health Emergency (PHE) period. For a technician to be allowed to assist and administer vaccine they must meet certain standards set out in the PREP Act.

New Hampshire registered and certified pharmacy technicians are hereby authorized to administer COVID-19 vaccines to persons three or older while under the supervision of a New Hampshire licensed pharmacist, subject to the requirements issued by HHS in its October 20, 2020, guidance document.

The HHS requirements include the following:

- The vaccination must be ordered by the supervising pharmacist.
- The supervising pharmacist must be readily and immediately available to the immunizing registered or certified pharmacy technician
- The COVID-19 vaccine must be FDA-authorized or FDA-licensed.
- The COVID-19 vaccine must be ordered and administered according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) COVID-19 vaccine recommendation(s).
- The registered or certified pharmacy technician must have completed a practical training program that is approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). This training program must include hands-on injection technique and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to
- The registered or certified pharmacy technician must have a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- The registered or certified pharmacy technician must complete a minimum of two hours of ACPE-approved, immunization-related continuing pharmacy education during the relevant State licensing period(s).
- The supervising pharmacist must comply with all record keeping and reporting requirements, including informing the patient's primary care provider when available and submitting the required immunization information to the New Hampshire Immunization Information System (NHIS) as specified in Emergency Order #76 and any local immunization information system.
- If the supervising pharmacist is responsible for complying with requirements related to reporting adverse events.
- The supervising pharmacist must review the vaccine registry or other vaccination records prior to ordering the vaccination to be administered by the registered or certified pharmacy technician.
- The registered or certified pharmacy technician must, if the patient is 18 years of age or younger, inform the patient and the adult caregiver accompanying the patient of the importance of a well-child visit with a pediatrician or other licensed primary-care provider and refer the patient as appropriate.
- The supervising pharmacist must comply with any applicable requirements or conditions of use as set forth in the CDC's COVID-19 vaccination provider agreement and any other federal requirements that apply to the administration of COVID-19 vaccine(s).

Where this additional activity will cover only the time period when NH is in the State of Emergency OPLC will not be reviewing the credentials of technicians. Making sure the technician meets the requirements above will be the responsibility of the Supervising Pharmacist. Protect yourself and make sure any technician working with you in this role has met the above standards so you are covered by the protections set forth in the PREP Act.

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