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P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 17, *approved February 3, 2025*
Assembly, No. 1899 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and
2 technicians, COVID-19 vaccines, and amending P.L.2003, c.280.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 24 of P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-63) is amended to
8 read as follows:

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10 directly to a patient without appropriate education **[or certification]**
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12 requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board
13 and the State Board of Medical Examiners. Such medication shall
14 only be for the treatment of a disease for which a nationally
15 certified program is in effect, or as determined by the board, and
16 only if utilized for the treatment of that disease for which the
17 medication is prescribed or indicated or for which the collaborative
18 drug therapy management permits.

19 b. (1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
20 contrary, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or
21 pharmacy technician may administer drugs to a patient 18 years of
22 age or older, provided the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]**
23 pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician is appropriately educated
24 and qualified, as determined by the board in accordance with the
25 requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board
26 and the State Board of Medical Examiners, and provided the drugs
27 are administered under any one of the following conditions:

28 (a) pursuant to a prescription by an authorized prescriber for a
29 vaccine and related ²medical² emergency medications;

30 (b) in immunization programs implemented pursuant to an
31 authorized prescriber's standing order for the vaccine and related
32 ²medical² emergency medications; or

33 (c) in immunization programs and programs sponsored by
34 governmental agencies that are not patient specific ¹; provided,
35 however, that ²[a pharmacy technician shall not be authorized to
36 administer any medication pursuant to such programs unless the
37 medication is related to the immunization and necessary to respond
38 to an emergency¹ **]** the authority to administer drugs pursuant to this

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²Senate SHH committee amendments adopted December 9, 2024.

1 subparagraph applies only to the medication authorized for
2 administration under the program and related medical emergency
3 medications².

4 (2) ²**[A]** In addition to the authority provided under paragraph
5 (1) of this subsection, an appropriately educated and qualified²
6 pharmacist, pharmacy intern, [or] pharmacy extern, or pharmacy
7 technician may administer an influenza vaccine, a COVID-19
8 vaccine, or both, to a patient who is [seven] five years of age or
9 older. For a patient who is under 18 years of age, a pharmacist,
10 pharmacy intern, [or] pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician
11 shall not administer a vaccine except with the permission of the
12 patient's parent or legal guardian. [For a patient who is under 10
13 years of age, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy extern
14 shall not administer a vaccine unless pursuant to a prescription by
15 an authorized prescriber. Nothing in this subsection shall be
16 construed to require a patient 10 years of age or older to obtain a
17 prescription for an influenza vaccine.]

18 (3) ²**[A]** In addition to the authority provided under paragraph
19 (1) of this subsection, an appropriately educated and qualified²
20 pharmacy intern [or] , pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician, as
21 defined by regulation of the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy,
22 may administer immunizations, as provided in this subsection, to
23 patients by injection or by other delivery method, provided that the
24 pharmacy intern [or] , pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician is
25 acting under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist who is
26 pre-approved by the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy to
27 administer vaccines and related emergency medications, and who is
28 in compliance with the rules jointly promulgated by the New Jersey
29 State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Medical
30 Examiners.

31 c. ¹**[An immunization]** All doses of a vaccine¹ administered to
32 a patient by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, [or] pharmacy extern,
33 or pharmacy technician pursuant to this subsection shall be reported
34 ¹**[by a supervising pharmacist]**¹ to the New Jersey Immunization
35 Information System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004,
36 c.138 (C.26:4-134) as required pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-3.16, for
37 inclusion in the patient's registry.

38 (cf: P.L.2018, c.143, s.1)

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40 ¹2. The New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board
41 of Medical Examiners may adopt regulations necessary to effectuate
42 the purposes of this act, which regulations shall be effective
43 immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law for a
44 period not to exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be amended,
45 adopted or readopted in accordance with the provisions of the

1 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
2 seq.).¹

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4 ¹**[2.]** 3.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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9 Expands authority of pharmacy technician in administering drugs
10 and vaccines and permits certain pharmacists and pharmacy interns,
11 externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccine.

CHAPTER 17

AN ACT concerning pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians, COVID-19 vaccines, and amending P.L.2003, c.280.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 24 of P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-63) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:14-63 Administration of prescription medication directly to patient, immunization.

24. a. No pharmacist shall administer a prescription medication directly to a patient without appropriate education and training, as determined by the board in accordance with the requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board and the State Board of Medical Examiners. Such medication shall only be for the treatment of a disease for which a nationally certified program is in effect, or as determined by the board, and only if utilized for the treatment of that disease for which the medication is prescribed or indicated or for which the collaborative drug therapy management permits.

b. (1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician may administer drugs to a patient 18 years of age or older, provided the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician is appropriately educated and qualified, as determined by the board in accordance with the requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board and the State Board of Medical Examiners, and provided the drugs are administered under any one of the following conditions:

(a) pursuant to a prescription by an authorized prescriber for a vaccine and related medical emergency medications;

(b) in immunization programs implemented pursuant to an authorized prescriber's standing order for the vaccine and related medical emergency medications; or

(c) in immunization programs and programs sponsored by governmental agencies that are not patient specific, provided, however, that the authority to administer drugs pursuant to this subparagraph applies only to the medication authorized for administration under the program and related medical emergency medications.

(2) In addition to the authority provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection, an appropriately educated and qualified pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician may administer an influenza vaccine, a COVID-19 vaccine, or both, to a patient who is five years of age or older. For a patient who is under 18 years of age, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician shall not administer a vaccine except with the permission of the patient's parent or legal guardian.

(3) In addition to the authority provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection, an appropriately educated and qualified pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician, as defined by regulation of the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy, may administer immunizations, as provided in this subsection, to patients by injection or by other delivery method, provided that the pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician is acting under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist who is pre-approved by the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy to administer vaccines and related emergency medications, and who is in compliance with the rules jointly promulgated by the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Medical Examiners.

c. All doses of a vaccine administered to a patient by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician pursuant to this subsection shall be reported to the New

Jersey Immunization Information System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.138 (C.26:4-134) as required pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-3.16, for inclusion in the patient's registry.

2. The New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Medical Examiners may adopt regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act, which regulations shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law for a period not to exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be amended, adopted or readopted in accordance with the provisions of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 3, 2025.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1899

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman HERB CONAWAY, JR.

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblywoman SHANIQUE SPEIGHT

District 29 (Essex and Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Expands authority of pharmacy technician in administering drugs and vaccines and permits pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccine.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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18 drug therapy management permits.

19 b. (1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
20 contrary, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or
21 pharmacy technician may administer drugs to a patient 18 years of
22 age or older, provided the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]**
23 pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician is appropriately educated
24 and qualified, as determined by the board in accordance with the
25 requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board
26 and the State Board of Medical Examiners, and provided the drugs
27 are administered under any one of the following conditions:

28 (a) pursuant to a prescription by an authorized prescriber for a
29 vaccine and related emergency medications;

30 (b) in immunization programs implemented pursuant to an
31 authorized prescriber's standing order for the vaccine and related
32 emergency medications; or

33 (c) in immunization programs and programs sponsored by
34 governmental agencies that are not patient specific.

35 (2) A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or
36 pharmacy technician may administer an influenza vaccine, a
37 COVID-19 vaccine, or both, to a patient who is **[seven]** five years
38 of age or older. For a patient who is under 18 years of age, a
39 pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or pharmacy
40 technician shall not administer a vaccine except with the permission
41 of the patient's parent or legal guardian. **[For a patient who is**
42 **under 10 years of age, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy**
43 **extern shall not administer a vaccine unless pursuant to a**
44 **prescription by an authorized prescriber. Nothing in this subsection**

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1 shall be construed to require a patient 10 years of age or older to
2 obtain a prescription for an influenza vaccine.】

3 (3) A pharmacy intern **【or】** , pharmacy extern, or pharmacy
4 technician, as defined by regulation of the New Jersey State Board
5 of Pharmacy, may administer immunizations, as provided in this
6 subsection, to patients by injection or by other delivery method,
7 provided that the pharmacy intern **【or】** , pharmacy extern, or
8 pharmacy technician is acting under the direct supervision of a
9 licensed pharmacist who is pre-approved by the New Jersey State
10 Board of Pharmacy to administer vaccines and related emergency
11 medications, and who is in compliance with the rules jointly
12 promulgated by the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the
13 State Board of Medical Examiners.

14 c. An immunization administered to a patient by a pharmacist,
15 pharmacy intern, **【or】** pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician
16 pursuant to this subsection shall be reported by a supervising
17 pharmacist to the New Jersey Immunization Information System
18 established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.138 (C.26:4-134) as
19 required pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-3.16, for inclusion in the patient's
20 registry.

21 (cf: P.L.2018, c.143, s.1)

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill expands the authority of pharmacy technicians to
29 administer drugs and vaccines and permits pharmacists and
30 pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19
31 vaccines.

32 The bill's amendments to section 24 of P.L.2003, c.280
33 (C.45:14-63):

34 1) provide that a pharmacist is required to receive appropriate
35 training to administer a prescription medication directly to a patient,
36 but is no longer required to be certified to administer a prescription
37 medication directly to a patient;

38 2) permit a pharmacy technician to administer drugs to a patient
39 18 years of age or older, provided that the pharmacy technician is
40 appropriately educated and qualified;

41 3) permit a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or
42 pharmacy technician to administer a COVID-19 vaccine to a patient
43 who is five years of age or older;

44 4) in the case of a patient who is under 18 years of age, prohibit a
45 pharmacy technician from administering a vaccine without the
46 permission of the patient's parent or legal guardian;

47 5) remove the following provision: "For a patient who is under
48 10 years of age, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy extern

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- 1 shall not administer a vaccine unless pursuant to a prescription by
2 an authorized prescriber. Nothing in this subsection shall be
3 construed to require a patient 10 years of age or older to obtain a
4 prescription for an influenza vaccine”;
- 5 6) permit a pharmacy technician to administer immunizations to
6 patients by injection or by other delivery method, provided that the
7 pharmacy technician is acting under the direct supervision of a
8 licensed pharmacist;
- 9 7) provide that an immunization administered to a patient by a
10 pharmacy technician is to be reported by a supervising pharmacist
11 to the New Jersey Immunization Information System; and
- 12 8) lower the age of the patient to whom a pharmacist, pharmacy
13 intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician may administer an
14 influenza vaccine from seven years old to five years old.

[First Reprint]

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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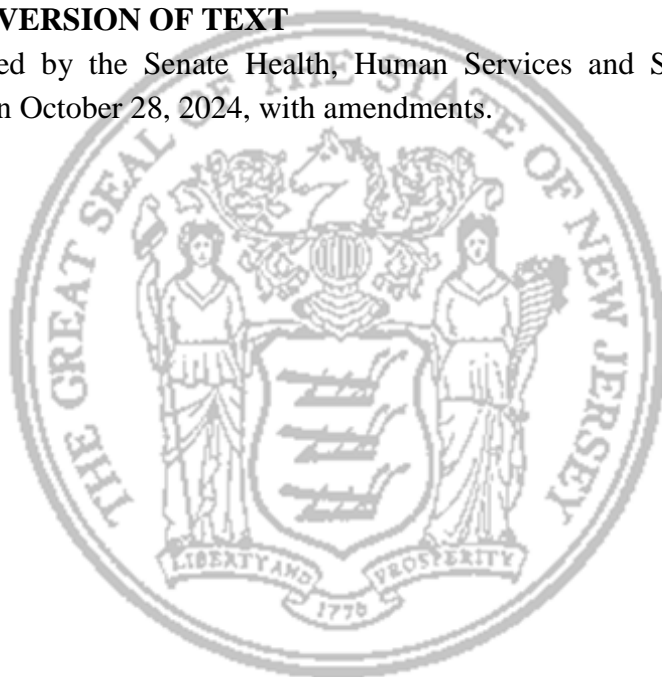
Assemblyman Freiman and Assemblywoman Bagolie

SYNOPSIS

Expands authority of pharmacy technician in administering drugs and vaccines and permits pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccine.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on October 28, 2024, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/28/2024)

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16 for the treatment of that disease for which the medication is prescribed
17 or indicated or for which the collaborative drug therapy management
18 permits.

19 b. (1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
20 a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or pharmacy
21 technician may administer drugs to a patient 18 years of age or older,
22 provided the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or
23 pharmacy technician is appropriately educated and qualified, as
24 determined by the board in accordance with the requirements set forth
25 in the rules jointly promulgated by the board and the State Board of
26 Medical Examiners, and provided the drugs are administered under
27 any one of the following conditions:

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29 vaccine and related emergency medications;

30 (b) in immunization programs implemented pursuant to an
31 authorized prescriber's standing order for the vaccine and related
32 emergency medications; or

33 (c) in immunization programs and programs sponsored by
34 governmental agencies that are not patient specific ¹; provided,
35 however, that a pharmacy technician shall not be authorized to
36 administer any medication pursuant to such programs unless the
37 medication is related to the immunization and necessary to respond to
38 an emergency¹ .

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40 pharmacy technician may administer an influenza vaccine, a COVID-
41 19 vaccine, or both, to a patient who is **[seven]** five years of age or
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4 prescriber. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a
5 patient 10 years of age or older to obtain a prescription for an
6 influenza vaccine.**】**

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9 Pharmacy, may administer immunizations, as provided in this
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14 Board of Pharmacy to administer vaccines and related emergency
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16 promulgated by the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the State
17 Board of Medical Examiners.

18 c. ¹**【**An immunization**】** All doses of a vaccine¹ administered to a
19 patient by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **【**or**】** pharmacy extern, or
20 pharmacy technician pursuant to this subsection shall be reported ¹**【**by
21 a supervising pharmacist**】**¹ to the New Jersey Immunization
22 Information System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004,
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33 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
34 seq.).¹

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36 ¹**【**2.**】** 3.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

[Second Reprint]

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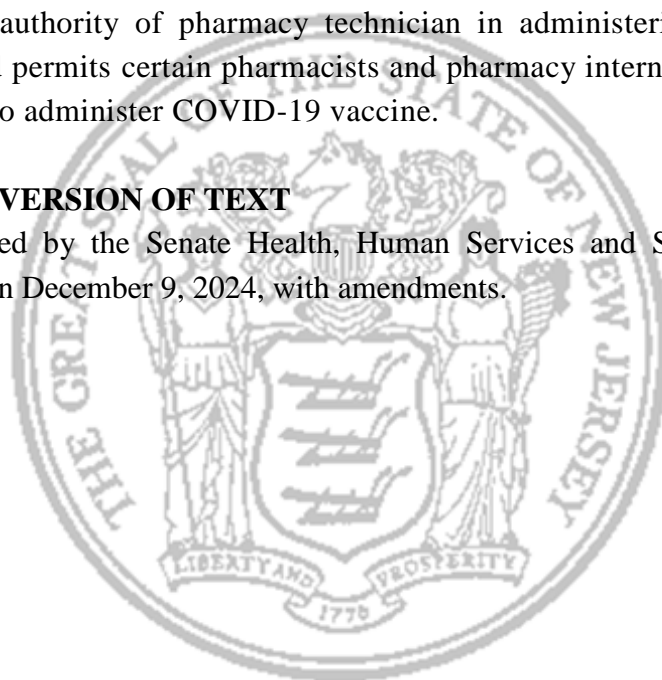
Assemblyman Freiman and Assemblywoman Bagolie

SYNOPSIS

Expands authority of pharmacy technician in administering drugs and vaccines and permits certain pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccine.

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As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on December 9, 2024, with amendments.



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29 vaccine and related ²medical² emergency medications;

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34 governmental agencies that are not patient specific ¹; provided,
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SYNOPSIS

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12 requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board
13 and the State Board of Medical Examiners. Such medication shall
14 only be for the treatment of a disease for which a nationally
15 certified program is in effect, or as determined by the board, and
16 only if utilized for the treatment of that disease for which the
17 medication is prescribed or indicated or for which the collaborative
18 drug therapy management permits.

19 b. (1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
20 contrary, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or
21 pharmacy technician may administer drugs to a patient 18 years of
22 age or older, provided the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]**
23 pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician is appropriately educated
24 and qualified, as determined by the board in accordance with the
25 requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board
26 and the State Board of Medical Examiners, and provided the drugs
27 are administered under any one of the following conditions:

28 (a) pursuant to a prescription by an authorized prescriber for a
29 vaccine and related emergency medications;

30 (b) in immunization programs implemented pursuant to an
31 authorized prescriber's standing order for the vaccine and related
32 emergency medications; or

33 (c) in immunization programs and programs sponsored by
34 governmental agencies that are not patient specific.

35 (2) A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or
36 pharmacy technician may administer an influenza vaccine, a
37 COVID-19 vaccine, or both, to a patient who is **[seven]** five years
38 of age or older. For a patient who is under 18 years of age, a
39 pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or pharmacy
40 technician shall not administer a vaccine except with the permission
41 of the patient's parent or legal guardian. **[For a patient who is**
42 **under 10 years of age, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy**
43 **extern shall not administer a vaccine unless pursuant to a**
44 **prescription by an authorized prescriber. Nothing in this subsection**

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 shall be construed to require a patient 10 years of age or older to
2 obtain a prescription for an influenza vaccine.】

3 (3) A pharmacy intern **【or】** , pharmacy extern, or pharmacy
4 technician, as defined by regulation of the New Jersey State Board
5 of Pharmacy, may administer immunizations, as provided in this
6 subsection, to patients by injection or by other delivery method,
7 provided that the pharmacy intern **【or】** , pharmacy extern, or
8 pharmacy technician is acting under the direct supervision of a
9 licensed pharmacist who is pre-approved by the New Jersey State
10 Board of Pharmacy to administer vaccines and related emergency
11 medications, and who is in compliance with the rules jointly
12 promulgated by the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the
13 State Board of Medical Examiners.

14 c. An immunization administered to a patient by a pharmacist,
15 pharmacy intern, **【or】** pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician
16 pursuant to this subsection shall be reported by a supervising
17 pharmacist to the New Jersey Immunization Information System
18 established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.138 (C.26:4-134) as
19 required pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-3.16, for inclusion in the patient's
20 registry.

21 (cf: P.L.2018, c.143, s.1)

22

23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1899

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 13, 2024

The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1899.

This bill expands the authority of pharmacy technicians to administer drugs and vaccines and permits pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

The bill's amendments to section 24 of P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-63):

1) provide that a pharmacist is required to receive appropriate training to administer a prescription medication directly to a patient, but is no longer required to be certified to administer a prescription medication directly to a patient;

2) permit a pharmacy technician to administer drugs to a patient 18 years of age or older, provided that the pharmacy technician is appropriately educated and qualified;

3) permit a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician to administer a COVID-19 vaccine to a patient who is five years of age or older;

4) in the case of a patient who is under 18 years of age, prohibit a pharmacy technician from administering a vaccine without the permission of the patient's parent or legal guardian;

5) remove the following provision: "For a patient who is under 10 years of age, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy extern shall not administer a vaccine unless pursuant to a prescription by an authorized prescriber. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a patient 10 years of age or older to obtain a prescription for an influenza vaccine";

6) permit a pharmacy technician to administer immunizations to patients by injection or by other delivery method, provided that the pharmacy technician is acting under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist;

7) provide that an immunization administered to a patient by a pharmacy technician is to be reported by a supervising pharmacist to the New Jersey Immunization Information System; and

8) lower the age of the patient to whom a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician may administer an influenza vaccine from seven years old to five years old.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1899

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 28, 2024

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1899.

As amended by the committee, this bill expands the authority of pharmacy technicians to administer drugs and vaccines and permits pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

The bill amends section 24 of P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-63) to:

1) provide that a pharmacist is required to receive appropriate training to administer a prescription medication directly to a patient, but is no longer required to be certified to administer a prescription medication directly to a patient;

2) permit a pharmacy technician to administer drugs to a patient 18 years of age or older under certain circumstances;

3) permit a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician to administer a COVID-19 vaccine to a patient who is five years of age or older;

4) in the case of a patient who is under 18 years of age, prohibit a pharmacy technician from administering a vaccine without the permission of the patient's parent or legal guardian;

5) remove certain restrictions concerning the administration of a vaccine to a patient who is under 10 years of age;

6) permit a pharmacy technician to administer immunizations to patients by injection or by other delivery method, provided that the pharmacy technician is acting under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist;

7) provide that all doses of a vaccine administered to a patient by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician are to be reported to the New Jersey Immunization Information System; and

8) lower the age of the patient to whom a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician may administer an influenza vaccine from seven years old to five years old.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 1899 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1981, which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments provide that pharmacy technicians will not be authorized to administer any medication pursuant to immunization programs and programs sponsored by governmental agencies, unless the medication is related to the immunization and necessary to respond to an emergency.

The committee amendments revise the reporting requirements provided under the bill to require that all doses of a vaccine administered by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician are to be reported to the New Jersey Immunization Information System. The committee amendments remove the requirement that these reports are to be submitted by a supervising pharmacist.

The committee amendments provide the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Medical Examiners special rulemaking authority to implement the provisions of the bill.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1899

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2024

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1899 (1R).

As amended by the committee, this bill expands the authority of pharmacy technicians to administer drugs and vaccines and permits certain pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

The bill amends section 24 of P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-63) to:

1) provide that a pharmacist is required to receive appropriate training to administer a prescription medication directly to a patient, but is no longer required to be certified to administer a prescription medication directly to a patient;

2) permit a pharmacy technician to administer drugs to a patient 18 years of age or older under certain circumstances;

3) permit an appropriately educated and qualified pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician to administer an influenza vaccine, COVID-19 vaccine, or both to a patient who is five years of age or older;

4) in the case of a patient who is under 18 years of age, prohibit a pharmacy technician from administering a vaccine without the permission of the patient's parent or legal guardian;

5) remove certain restrictions concerning the administration of a vaccine to a patient who is under 10 years of age;

6) permit an appropriately educated and qualified pharmacy intern, extern, or technician to administer immunizations to patients by injection or by other delivery method, provided that the pharmacy intern, extern, or technician is acting under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist;

7) provide that all doses of a vaccine administered to a patient by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician are to be reported to the New Jersey Immunization Information System; and

8) lower the age of the patient to whom a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician may administer an influenza vaccine from seven years old to five years old.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 1899 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 1981 (1R), which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments clarify that the authority provided by the bill to administer related emergency medications to a patient 18 years of age or older specifically applies to medical emergency medications.

The committee amendments clarify that the authority provided by the bill to administer drugs to a patient 18 years of age or older in immunization programs and certain programs sponsored by governmental agencies applies only to the medication authorized for administration under the program and related medical emergency medications. Previously, this authority only applied to the administration of medication related to the immunization and necessary to respond to an emergency.

The committee amendments clarify that appropriately educated and qualified pharmacists, pharmacy interns, pharmacy externs, and pharmacy technicians are authorized to administer certain immunizations, including the influenza and COVID-19 vaccines, under the circumstances provided under the bill.

The committee amendments revise the bill's synopsis to reflect these changes.

SENATE, No. 1981

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Expands authority of pharmacy technician in administering drugs and vaccines and permits pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccine.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



S1981 VITALE

2

1 AN ACT concerning pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and
2 technicians, COVID-19 vaccines, and amending P.L.2003, c.280.

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6

7 1. Section 24 of P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-63) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 24. a. No pharmacist shall administer a prescription medication
10 directly to a patient without appropriate education **[or certification]**
11 and training, as determined by the board in accordance with the
12 requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board
13 and the State Board of Medical Examiners. Such medication shall
14 only be for the treatment of a disease for which a nationally
15 certified program is in effect, or as determined by the board, and
16 only if utilized for the treatment of that disease for which the
17 medication is prescribed or indicated or for which the collaborative
18 drug therapy management permits.

19 b. (1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
20 contrary, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or
21 pharmacy technician may administer drugs to a patient 18 years of
22 age or older, provided the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]**
23 pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician is appropriately educated
24 and qualified, as determined by the board in accordance with the
25 requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board
26 and the State Board of Medical Examiners, and provided the drugs
27 are administered under any one of the following conditions:

28 (a) pursuant to a prescription by an authorized prescriber for a
29 vaccine and related emergency medications;

30 (b) in immunization programs implemented pursuant to an
31 authorized prescriber's standing order for the vaccine and related
32 emergency medications; or

33 (c) in immunization programs and programs sponsored by
34 governmental agencies that are not patient specific.

35 (2) A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or
36 pharmacy technician may administer an influenza vaccine, a
37 COVID-19 vaccine, or both, to a patient who is **[seven]** five years
38 of age or older. For a patient who is under 18 years of age, a
39 pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or pharmacy
40 technician shall not administer a vaccine except with the permission
41 of the patient's parent or legal guardian. **[For a patient who is**
42 **under 10 years of age, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy**
43 **extern shall not administer a vaccine unless pursuant to a**
44 **prescription by an authorized prescriber. Nothing in this subsection**

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 shall be construed to require a patient 10 years of age or older to
2 obtain a prescription for an influenza vaccine.】

3 (3) A pharmacy intern **【or】** , pharmacy extern, or pharmacy
4 technician, as defined by regulation of the New Jersey State Board
5 of Pharmacy, may administer immunizations, as provided in this
6 subsection, to patients by injection or by other delivery method,
7 provided that the pharmacy intern **【or】** , pharmacy extern, or
8 pharmacy technician is acting under the direct supervision of a
9 licensed pharmacist who is pre-approved by the New Jersey State
10 Board of Pharmacy to administer vaccines and related emergency
11 medications, and who is in compliance with the rules jointly
12 promulgated by the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the
13 State Board of Medical Examiners.

14 c. An immunization administered to a patient by a pharmacist,
15 pharmacy intern, **【or】** pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician
16 pursuant to this subsection shall be reported by a supervising
17 pharmacist to the New Jersey Immunization Information System
18 established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.138 (C.26:4-134) as
19 required pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-3.16, for inclusion in the patient's
20 registry.

21 (cf: P.L.2018, c.143, s.1)

22

23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

27

28 This bill expands the authority of pharmacy technicians to
29 administer drugs and vaccines and permits pharmacists and
30 pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19
31 vaccines.

32 The bill's amendments to section 24 of P.L.2003, c.280
33 (C.45:14-63):

34 1) provide that a pharmacist is required to receive appropriate
35 training to administer a prescription medication directly to a patient,
36 but is no longer required to be certified to administer a prescription
37 medication directly to a patient;

38 2) permit a pharmacy technician to administer drugs to a patient
39 18 years of age or older, provided that the pharmacy technician is
40 appropriately educated and qualified;

41 3) permit a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or
42 pharmacy technician to administer a COVID-19 vaccine to a patient
43 who is five years of age or older;

44 4) in the case of a patient who is under 18 years of age, prohibit
45 a pharmacy technician from administering a vaccine without the
46 permission of the patient's parent or legal guardian;

47 5) remove the following provision: "For a patient who is under
48 10 years of age, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy extern

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- 1 shall not administer a vaccine unless pursuant to a prescription by
2 an authorized prescriber. Nothing in this subsection shall be
3 construed to require a patient 10 years of age or older to obtain a
4 prescription for an influenza vaccine”;
- 5 6) permit a pharmacy technician to administer immunizations to
6 patients by injection or by other delivery method, provided that the
7 pharmacy technician is acting under the direct supervision of a
8 licensed pharmacist;
- 9 7) provide that an immunization administered to a patient by a
10 pharmacy technician is to be reported by a supervising pharmacist
11 to the New Jersey Immunization Information System; and
- 12 8) lower the age of the patient to whom a pharmacist, pharmacy
13 intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician may administer an
14 influenza vaccine from seven years old to five years old.

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1981

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

Senator RAJ MUKHERJI

District 32 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Expands authority of pharmacy technician in administering drugs and vaccines and permits pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccine.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on October 28, 2024, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/18/2024)

1 AN ACT concerning pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and
2 technicians, COVID-19 vaccines, and amending P.L.2003, c.280.

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6

7 1. Section 24 of P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-63) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 24. a. No pharmacist shall administer a prescription medication
10 directly to a patient without appropriate education **[or certification]**
11 and training, as determined by the board in accordance with the
12 requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board
13 and the State Board of Medical Examiners. Such medication shall
14 only be for the treatment of a disease for which a nationally
15 certified program is in effect, or as determined by the board, and
16 only if utilized for the treatment of that disease for which the
17 medication is prescribed or indicated or for which the collaborative
18 drug therapy management permits.

19 b. (1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
20 contrary, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or
21 pharmacy technician may administer drugs to a patient 18 years of
22 age or older, provided the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]**
23 pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician is appropriately educated
24 and qualified, as determined by the board in accordance with the
25 requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board
26 and the State Board of Medical Examiners, and provided the drugs
27 are administered under any one of the following conditions:

28 (a) pursuant to a prescription by an authorized prescriber for a
29 vaccine and related emergency medications;

30 (b) in immunization programs implemented pursuant to an
31 authorized prescriber's standing order for the vaccine and related
32 emergency medications; or

33 (c) in immunization programs and programs sponsored by
34 governmental agencies that are not patient specific ¹; provided,
35 however, that a pharmacy technician shall not be authorized to
36 administer any medication pursuant to such programs unless the
37 medication is related to the immunization and necessary to respond
38 to an emergency¹ .

39 (2) A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or
40 pharmacy technician may administer an influenza vaccine, a
41 COVID-19 vaccine, or both, to a patient who is **[seven]** five years
42 of age or older. For a patient who is under 18 years of age, a
43 pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or pharmacy
44 technician shall not administer a vaccine except with the permission

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted October 28, 2024.

1 of the patient's parent or legal guardian. **【**For a patient who is
2 under 10 years of age, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy
3 extern shall not administer a vaccine unless pursuant to a
4 prescription by an authorized prescriber. Nothing in this subsection
5 shall be construed to require a patient 10 years of age or older to
6 obtain a prescription for an influenza vaccine.**】**

7 (3) A pharmacy intern **【**or **】**, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy
8 technician, as defined by regulation of the New Jersey State Board
9 of Pharmacy, may administer immunizations, as provided in this
10 subsection, to patients by injection or by other delivery method,
11 provided that the pharmacy intern **【**or **】**, pharmacy extern, or
12 pharmacy technician is acting under the direct supervision of a
13 licensed pharmacist who is pre-approved by the New Jersey State
14 Board of Pharmacy to administer vaccines and related emergency
15 medications, and who is in compliance with the rules jointly
16 promulgated by the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the
17 State Board of Medical Examiners.

18 c. **¹【An immunization】** All doses of a vaccine¹ administered to
19 a patient by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **【**or **】** pharmacy extern,
20 or pharmacy technician pursuant to this subsection shall be reported
21 **¹【**by a supervising pharmacist¹**】** to the New Jersey Immunization
22 Information System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004,
23 c.138 (C.26:4-134) as required pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-3.16, for
24 inclusion in the patient's registry.
25 (cf: P.L.2018, c.143, s.1)

26
27 ¹2. The New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the State
28 Board of Medical Examiners may adopt regulations necessary to
29 effectuate the purposes of this act, which regulations shall be
30 effective immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative
31 Law for a period not to exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be
32 amended, adopted or readopted in accordance with the provisions of
33 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
34 seq.).¹

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36 **¹【2.】** 3.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1981

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

Senator RAJ MUKHERJI

District 32 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Expands authority of pharmacy technician in administering drugs and vaccines and permits certain pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccine.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on December 9, 2024, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/18/2024)

1 AN ACT concerning pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and
2 technicians, COVID-19 vaccines, and amending P.L.2003, c.280.

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6

7 1. Section 24 of P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-63) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 24. a. No pharmacist shall administer a prescription medication
10 directly to a patient without appropriate education **[or certification]**
11 and training, as determined by the board in accordance with the
12 requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board
13 and the State Board of Medical Examiners. Such medication shall
14 only be for the treatment of a disease for which a nationally certified
15 program is in effect, or as determined by the board, and only if utilized
16 for the treatment of that disease for which the medication is prescribed
17 or indicated or for which the collaborative drug therapy management
18 permits.

19 b. (1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
20 a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or pharmacy
21 technician may administer drugs to a patient 18 years of age or older,
22 provided the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or
23 pharmacy technician is appropriately educated and qualified, as
24 determined by the board in accordance with the requirements set forth
25 in the rules jointly promulgated by the board and the State Board of
26 Medical Examiners, and provided the drugs are administered under
27 any one of the following conditions:

28 (a) pursuant to a prescription by an authorized prescriber for a
29 vaccine and related ²medical² emergency medications;

30 (b) in immunization programs implemented pursuant to an
31 authorized prescriber's standing order for the vaccine and related
32 ²medical² emergency medications; or

33 (c) in immunization programs and programs sponsored by
34 governmental agencies that are not patient specific ¹; provided,
35 however, that ²**[a pharmacy technician shall not be authorized to**
36 **administer any medication pursuant to such programs unless the**
37 **medication is related to the immunization and necessary to respond to**
38 **an emergency¹]** the authority to administer drugs pursuant to this
39 subparagraph applies only to the medication authorized for
40 administration under the program and related medical emergency
41 medications².

42 (2) ²**[A]** In addition to the authority provided under paragraph (1)
43 of this subsection, an appropriately educated and qualified²

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted October 28, 2024.

²Senate SHH committee amendments adopted December 9, 2024.

1 pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **【or】** pharmacy extern, or pharmacy
 2 technician may administer an influenza vaccine, a COVID-19 vaccine,
 3 or both, to a patient who is **【seven】** five years of age or older. For a
 4 patient who is under 18 years of age, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern,
 5 **【or】** pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician shall not administer a
 6 vaccine except with the permission of the patient's parent or legal
 7 guardian. **【For a patient who is under 10 years of age, a pharmacist,**
 8 **pharmacy intern, or pharmacy extern shall not administer a vaccine**
 9 **unless pursuant to a prescription by an authorized prescriber. Nothing**
 10 **in this subsection shall be construed to require a patient 10 years of**
 11 **age or older to obtain a prescription for an influenza vaccine.】**

12 (3) ²**【A】** In addition to the authority provided under paragraph (1)
 13 of this subsection, an appropriately educated and qualified² pharmacy
 14 intern **【or】** , pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician, as defined by
 15 regulation of the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy, may administer
 16 immunizations, as provided in this subsection, to patients by injection
 17 or by other delivery method, provided that the pharmacy intern **【or】** ,
 18 pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician is acting under the direct
 19 supervision of a licensed pharmacist who is pre-approved by the New
 20 Jersey State Board of Pharmacy to administer vaccines and related
 21 emergency medications, and who is in compliance with the rules
 22 jointly promulgated by the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and
 23 the State Board of Medical Examiners.

24 c. ¹**【An immunization】** All doses of a vaccine¹ administered to a
 25 patient by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **【or】** pharmacy extern, or
 26 pharmacy technician pursuant to this subsection shall be reported ¹**【by**
 27 a supervising pharmacist¹ to the New Jersey Immunization
 28 Information System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004,
 29 c.138 (C.26:4-134) as required pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-3.16, for
 30 inclusion in the patient's registry.

31 (cf: P.L.2018, c.143, s.1)

32

33 ¹2. The New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the State
 34 Board of Medical Examiners may adopt regulations necessary to
 35 effectuate the purposes of this act, which regulations shall be
 36 effective immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative
 37 Law for a period not to exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be
 38 amended, adopted or readopted in accordance with the provisions of
 39 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
 40 seq.).¹

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42 ¹**【2.】** ¹3.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 1981

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 28, 2024

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1981.

As amended by the committee, this bill expands the authority of pharmacy technicians to administer drugs and vaccines and permits pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

The bill amends section 24 of P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-63) to:

1) provide that a pharmacist is required to receive appropriate training to administer a prescription medication directly to a patient, but is no longer required to be certified to administer a prescription medication directly to a patient;

2) permit a pharmacy technician to administer drugs to a patient 18 years of age or older under certain circumstances;

3) permit a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician to administer a COVID-19 vaccine to a patient who is five years of age or older;

4) in the case of a patient who is under 18 years of age, prohibit a pharmacy technician from administering a vaccine without the permission of the patient's parent or legal guardian;

5) remove certain restrictions concerning the administration of a vaccine to a patient who is under 10 years of age;

6) permit a pharmacy technician to administer immunizations to patients by injection or by other delivery method, provided that the pharmacy technician is acting under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist;

7) provide that all doses of a vaccine administered to a patient by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician are to be reported to the New Jersey Immunization Information System; and

8) lower the age of the patient to whom a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician may administer an influenza vaccine from seven years old to five years old.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

As amended and reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 1981 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1899, which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments provide that pharmacy technicians will not be authorized to administer any medication pursuant to immunization programs and programs sponsored by governmental agencies, unless the medication is related to the immunization and necessary to respond to an emergency.

The committee amendments revise the reporting requirements provided under the bill to require that all doses of a vaccine administered by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician are to be reported to the New Jersey Immunization Information System. The committee amendments remove the requirement that these reports are to be submitted by a supervising pharmacist.

The committee amendments provide the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Medical Examiners special rulemaking authority to implement the provisions of the bill.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1981

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2024

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1981 (1R).

As amended by the committee, this bill expands the authority of pharmacy technicians to administer drugs and vaccines and permits certain pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

The bill amends section 24 of P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-63) to:

1) provide that a pharmacist is required to receive appropriate training to administer a prescription medication directly to a patient, but is no longer required to be certified to administer a prescription medication directly to a patient;

2) permit a pharmacy technician to administer drugs to a patient 18 years of age or older under certain circumstances;

3) permit an appropriately educated and qualified pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician to administer an influenza vaccine, COVID-19 vaccine, or both to a patient who is five years of age or older;

4) in the case of a patient who is under 18 years of age, prohibit a pharmacy technician from administering a vaccine without the permission of the patient's parent or legal guardian;

5) remove certain restrictions concerning the administration of a vaccine to a patient who is under 10 years of age;

6) permit an appropriately educated and qualified pharmacy intern, extern, or technician to administer immunizations to patients by injection or by other delivery method, provided that the pharmacy intern, extern, or technician is acting under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist;

7) provide that all doses of a vaccine administered to a patient by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician are to be reported to the New Jersey Immunization Information System; and

8) lower the age of the patient to whom a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician may administer an influenza vaccine from seven years old to five years old.

As amended and reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 1981 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1899 (1R), which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments clarify that the authority provided by the bill to administer related emergency medications to a patient 18 years of age or older specifically applies to medical emergency medications.

The committee amendments clarify that the authority provided by the bill to administer drugs to a patient 18 years of age or older in immunization programs and certain programs sponsored by governmental agencies applies only to the medication authorized for administration under the program and related medical emergency medications. Previously, this authority only applied to the administration of medication related to the immunization and necessary to respond to an emergency.

The committee amendments clarify that appropriately educated and qualified pharmacists, pharmacy interns, pharmacy externs, and pharmacy technicians are authorized to administer certain immunizations, including the influenza and COVID-19 vaccines, under the circumstances provided under the bill.

The committee amendments revise the bill's synopsis to reflect these changes.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

02/3/2025

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

A-1899/S-1981 (Conaway, Speight/Vitale, Mukherji) - Expands authority of pharmacy technician in administering drugs and vaccines and permits certain pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccine

A-3414/SCS for S-2245 (Murphy, Lampitt, Speight/Ruiz, Turner, McKnight) - Modifies regulation of student permits by NJ State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling and establishes oversight of individuals seeking employment as shampoo technicians

A-3894/S-2580 (Murphy, Quijano/Bucco, Singleton) - Amends certain fire safety statutes to update licensure and equipment requirements and liability, fee, and penalty provisions; expands membership of Fire Protection Equipment Advisory Committee

A-5117/S-3994 (Greenwald/Beach, Sarlo) - Modifies number of signatures required for candidates to be placed on primary, general, nonpartisan municipal, and school election ballots; requires Secretary of State to publish certain nominating petition forms by January 1 of each year