

**BOARD OF PHARMACY
RULES COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

April 12, 2022

2:00 p.m. ET

**Hilton University of Florida - Conference Center Gainesville
1714 SW 34th Street
Gainesville, FL 32607
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I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Dr. Mesaros called the Rules Committee meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. ET.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Mesaros, PharmD, JD, Chair
Jeenu Philip, BPharm
Mr. David Wright, BPharm
Patty Ghazvini, PharmD, BCGP

STAFF PRESENT

Jessica Sapp, Executive Director
Traci Zeh, Program Administrator

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II. RULES DISCUSSION

a. HB 1209 Administration of Vaccines

Ms. Sapp provided an overview of HB 1209.

The bill authorizes a certified registered pharmacy technician to administer vaccines and immunizations to adults under the supervision of a certified pharmacist. To become certified by the Board of Pharmacy, a registered pharmacy technician must complete six hours of approved immunization-related training. As a renewal condition, an additional two hours of approved continuing education must be completed.

Due to the legislative change the following rules were provided for the Boards review for amendments.

b. 64B16-26.1032 F.A.C., Immunization Administration Certification Application for Pharmacists & Pharmacy Interns

64B16-26.1032 Immunization Administration Certification Application ~~for Pharmacists & Pharmacy Interns.~~

All applications for immunization certification shall be made on board approved form DH-MQA 1125, "Immunization Administration Certification Application ~~for Pharmacists & Pharmacy Interns,~~" ~~08/2021~~ XX/2022, which is hereby incorporated by reference. To obtain an application, contact the Board of Pharmacy at 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C04, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3254, or (850)245-4474, or download the application from the Department of Health's website at <http://floridaspharmacy.gov/>, or at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13934>. The application must be accompanied with a non-refundable application fee, if applicable, as set forth in Rule 64B16-26.1001, F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 465.005 FS. Law Implemented 465.0635, 465.189 FS. History—New 9-21-10, Amended 8-13-13, 4-4-16, 8-20-17, 12-29-21.

Motion: by Mr. Philip to open rule 64B16-26.1032 for development and approve the proposed language to be presented to the Full Board.

Second: by Mr. Wright

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: by Mr. Philip to approve the proposed changes to the application and present to the Full Board.

Second: by Dr. Ghazvini

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: by Mr. Philip to find no economic impact and to find that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Cost was not necessary, and that the rule will not need legislative ratification.

Second: by Mr. Wright

Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Flynn addressed the Board and indicated with no opposition from the Board that this rule or a violation of this rule should be designated as a minor violation.

Motion: by Mr. Wright to find that this rule shall not include a sunset provision.

Second: by Dr. Ghazvini

Vote: Unanimous

c. 64B16-26.1031. F.A.C., Vaccine Certification Program

64B16-26.1031 Vaccine Certification Program.

(1) All applications for vaccine certification programs shall be made on board approved form DH-MQA 1234, "Board of Pharmacy Immunization Certification Program Provider Application," dated 08/15, which is hereby incorporated by reference. To obtain an application go to <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06807>, or contact the Board of Pharmacy at 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C04, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3254 or (850)488-0595, or download the application from the web at <https://floridaspharmacy.gov>.

(2) The Board shall approve for initial certification of pharmacist and pharmacy intern administration of vaccines, programs of study not less than 20 hours that include coursework

covering all of the following:

- (a) Mechanisms of action for vaccines, contraindications, drug interactions, and monitoring after vaccine administration;
- (b) Immunization Schedules;
- (c) Immunization screening questions, provision of risk/benefit information, informed consent, recordkeeping, and electronic reporting into the statewide immunization registry;
- (d) Vaccine storage and handling;
- (e) Bio-Hazardous waste disposal and sterile techniques;
- (f) Entering, negotiating and performing pursuant to physician oversight protocols;
- (g) Community immunization resources and programs;
- (h) Identifying, managing and responding to adverse incidents including but not limited to potential allergic reactions associated with vaccine administration;
- (i) Procedures and policies for reporting adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS);
- (j) Reimbursement procedures and vaccine coverage by federal, state and local governmental jurisdictions and private third party payors;
- (k) Administration techniques;
- (l) Administration of epinephrine using an autoinjector delivery system;
- (m) The immunization and vaccine guidelines in the February 11, 2021, Adult Immunization Schedule by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, entitled "Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule – United States – 2021," which is hereby incorporated by reference. The Schedule may be obtained from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13874>, and the Board office at the address in subsection (1);
- (n) The immunizations or vaccines recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for international travel as of April 30, 2021, which may be found in the CDC Health Information for International Travel (2020 Edition), which is incorporated herein by reference. The material incorporated is copyrighted material that is available for public inspection and examination, but may not be copied, at the Department of State, Administrative Code and Register Section, Room 701, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, and at the Board office at the address in subsection (1);
- (o) State of emergency administration of immunizations or vaccines;
- (p) Review of Section 465.189, F.S.; and,
- (q) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training.

Successful completion of the certification program must include a successful demonstration of competency in the administration technique and a cognitive examination.

Rulemaking Authority 465.005 FS. Law Implemented 465.189 FS. History—New 3-20-08, Amended 8-30-10, 7-29-13, 5-29-16, 11-18-21.

Ms. Sapp provided an overview of the process of approving an Immunization Certification Program Provider Application. The rule was provided for comments and possible amendments from the Board to incorporate the changes to 465.189, F.S.

Mr. Wright addressed the Committee regarding the proposed language from CEImpact and indicated he would be opposed to not having a live component requirement outlined in the rule.

Scott Tomerlin, Walgreens Pharmacy Manager, addressed the Committee regarding the training a registered pharmacy technician is required to complete as an employee of Walgreens.

Mr. Philip suggested using the learning objectives from the American Pharmacist Association (APHA) course the Joint Rules Committee recently reviewed and approved to model the rule requirements.

Mr. Wright indicated that the demonstration portion of the course must be live (in-person).

The Committee discussed the process of RPT's obtaining this certification with the APHA course that they have already taken before the law change.

Motion: by Mr. Wright to allow registered pharmacy technicians to use the APHA course to obtain the immunization certification as long as the course is not dated before October 2020.

Second: by Mr. Philip.

Vote: Unanimous

The Committee indicated that any RPT's who received the certification within the second half of the biennium will not be required to take the two hours of approved continuing education.

Mr. Flynn will work on proposed rule language to be presented to the Committee at the June meeting.

The Committee discussed the ratio requirement as outlined in the statute. The Committee determined the statute does not change the ratio requirement outlined in 64B16-27.410 Registered Pharmacy Technician to Pharmacist Ratio; however, the Committee clarified a pharmacist could not supervisor no more than 5 (five) immunizers.

Dr. Segovia addressed the Committee regarding a CPR requirement.

After the discussion it was determined that Mr. Flynn will research the CPR requirement and the possibility of adding that requirement to the rule.

Lauren Paul, CVS Health, addressed the Committee and indicated CVS requires RPT's to take CPR training in order to immunize.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. ET.