STATE OF CONNECTICUT

REGULATION

of the

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

(NAME OF AGENCY)

concerning

ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINE BY PHARMACISTS

(SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION)

Section 1. Section 20-633-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

The Administration of [Influenza] Vaccine by Pharmacists

Sec. 20-633-1. Definitions.

As used in sections 20-633-1 to 20-633-5, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:

(1) "Administer" means "administer" as defined in section 20-571 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

(2) "Health care provider" means a licensed practitioner authorized to order or prescribe legend drugs.

Sec. 2. Section 20-633-2 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

A licensed pharmacist may administer [influenza] a vaccine listed in section 20-633(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes to an adult if:

(a) The administration of the vaccine is conducted pursuant to an order of a licensed health care provider; and

(b) the pharmacist has successfully completed an immunization training program that complies with the requirements of section 20-633-3 and section 20-633-4 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sec. 3. Section 20-633-3 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

Each [influenza] immunization training program shall be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

Sec. 4. Section 20-633-4(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

(a) The course of study for the [influenza] immunization training program shall include current guidelines and recommendations of the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for vaccination of adult patients accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

Statement of Purpose:

(A) Purpose: The purpose of these proposed regulations is to conform existing regulations to the changes made by Public Act 10-82 to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 20-633.

(B) Summary: Public Act 10-82 amended Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 20-633 to permit pharmacists to administer vaccines set forth in subsection (a) of that statute. Before the change, only influenza vaccines could be administered by pharmacists. The Public Act lists two vaccines, pneumococcal disease and herpes zoster, in addition to influenza vaccine. These proposed regulations remove references to influenza vaccines only.

(C) Legal Effects: These regulations conform existing regulations to the changes made by Public Act 10-82. The restrictions and conditions that must be followed by a pharmacist to administer vaccines remain unchanged.

Be it known that the foregoing:

[X] **Regulations** [ ] Emergency Regulations

Are:

[ ] Adopted [X] **Amended as hereinabove stated** [ ] Repealed

By the aforesaid agency pursuant to:

[X] Sections **4-168** and **20-663** of the General Statutes and

[X] Section **20-663** of the General Statutes, as amended by **Public Act No. 82 of the 2010 Public Acts.**

[ ] Public Act No. _____ of the _____ Public Acts.

After publication in the Connecticut Law Journal on Dec. 6, 2011 of the notice of the proposal to:

[ ] Adopt [X] **Amend** [ ] Repeal such regulations

(If applicable): [ ] And the holding of an advertised public hearing on 10th day of Jan. 20 12

WHEREFORE, the foregoing regulations are hereby:

[ ] Adopted [X] **Amended as hereinabove stated** [ ] Repealed

Effective:

[X] When filed with the Secretary of the State.

(OR)

[ ] The _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

In Witness Whereof:	DATE 3/7/12	SIGNED (Head of Board, Agency or Commission)	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED COMMISSIONER
Approved by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with Sec. 4-169, as amended, C.G.S.:	SIGNED Joseph Rubin	3/23/12	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED Assoc A. G.

[ ] Approved

[ ] Disapproved

[ ] Disapproved in part, (Indicate Section Numbers disapproved only)

[ ] Rejected without prejudice.

By the Legislative Regulation Review Committee in accordance with Sec. 4-170, as amended, of the General Statutes.	DATE	SIGNED (Clerk of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee)

Two certified copies received and filed, and one such copy forwarded to the Commission on Official Legal Publications in accordance with Section 4-172, as amended, of the General Statutes.

DATE	SIGNED (Secretary of the State)	BY

INSTRUCTIONS

One copy of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the Attorney General for his determination of legal sufficiency. Section 4-169 of the General Statutes.

Seventeen copies of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the standing Legislative Regulation Review Committee for its approval. Section 4-170 of the General Statutes.

Each regulation must be in the form intended for publication and must include the appropriate regulation section number and section heading. Section 4-172 of the General Statutes.

Indicate by "(NEW)" in heading if new regulation. Amended regulations must contain new language in capital letters and deleted language in brackets. Section 4-170 of the General Statutes.