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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.

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Sec. 20-633-2. General requirements

A licensed pharmacist may administer influenza vaccine 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.

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Sec. 20-633-3. Qualifying training programs

Each influenza immunization training program shall be accredited by the National Centers for Disease Control Prevention or the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

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Sec. 20-633-4. Requirements of training programs

(a) The course of study for the influenza immunization training program shall include current guidelines and recommendations of the National Centers for Disease Control Prevention for adult patients or be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

(b) The course of study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Mechanisms of action for vaccines, contraindications, drug interactions, and monitoring after vaccine administration;

(2) subcutaneous and intramuscular injections;

(3) immunization screening questions, informed consent forms, recordkeeping, registries and reporting mechanisms;

(4) vaccine storage;

(5) biohazard waste disposal and sterile techniques;

(6) establishing protocols;

(7) immunization coalitions and other community resources available;

(8) mechanisms for reporting adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS);

(9) reimbursement procedures and vaccine coverage by federal, state and local entities;

(10) administration techniques;

(11) current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification; and

(12) annual continuing education in immunizations.

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Sec. 20-633-5. Systems for control and reporting

(a) A health care provider shall establish a protocol with a pharmacist or a pharmacy. The protocol shall establish which vaccines may be administered, recordkeeping and reporting requirements, and emergency procedures.

(b) Written protocols shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) The name of the health care provider authorized to order or prescribe drugs;
- (2) the name of the pharmacist or pharmacists authorized to administer the vaccine;
- (3) the types of vaccines that the pharmacist or pharmacists are authorized to administer;
- (4) the procedures, decision criteria or plan the pharmacist or pharmacists shall follow when exercising the administration authority, including when to refer the patient to the physician;
- (5) the procedures for emergency situations; and
- (6) record keeping and documentation procedures, which shall include a requirement that the name of the pharmacist who administered the vaccine be recorded.

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