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Emergency Order #79 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, and 2020-25

An order allowing registered and certified pharmacy technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccines under certain conditions

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-04, An order declaring a state of emergency due to Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, the outbreak of COVID-19 has confronted the State with an unprecedented public health emergency and with financial and economic devastation resulting therefrom, which require the State to respond rapidly to ensure that necessary supplies, economic infrastructure, and other appropriate emergency responses are provided immediately; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a guidance document recommending, in relevant part, that pharmacy technicians be allowed to administer COVID-19 vaccinations under certain conditions in order to increase the number of providers allowed to administer the COVID-19 vaccine and better serve the public health during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized several COVID-19 vaccines, which have been and will continue to be distributed to the State in the next few months, for administration to citizens of the State.

Now therefore, pursuant to Section 18 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, and 2020-25, it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:

1. 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:

    a. The vaccination must be ordered by the supervising pharmacist.
    b. The supervising pharmacist must be readily and immediately available to the immunizing registered or certified pharmacy technician.
    c. The COVID-19 vaccine must be FDA-authorized or FDA-licensed.
    d. The COVID-19 vaccine must be ordered and administered according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) COVID-19 vaccine recommendation(s).

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e. 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 vaccines.
f. The registered or certified pharmacy technician must have a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
g. 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).
h. The supervising pharmacist must comply with all recordkeeping 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 (NHIIS) as specified in Emergency Order #76 and any local immunization information system, if any.
i. The supervising pharmacist is responsible for complying with requirements related to reporting adverse events.
j. 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.
k. 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.
l. 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).

2. This Order shall remain in effect through the end of the State of Emergency or until such date on which this Order is terminated, whichever comes first.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 4th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty-one, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-five.

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