

FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of pharmacists to administer certain vaccinations to individuals under certain circumstances; authorizing the State Board of Pharmacy to set certain fees; ~~granting the Board sole authority to adopt certain regulations;~~ and generally relating to the expansion of the authority of pharmacists to administer vaccinations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 12-508
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health Occupations

12-508.

(a) (1) A pharmacist may administer ~~{an influenza vaccination}~~ **VACCINATIONS** to an individual, in accordance with regulations adopted under subsection (c) of this section.

(2) A PHARMACIST MAY ADMINISTER A VACCINATION FOR PNEUMOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA OR HERPES ZOSTER TO AN INDIVIDUAL IF:

(I) THE INDIVIDUAL IS AN ADULT;

(II) THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A PRESCRIPTION FROM A PHYSICIAN;

(III) THE PHARMACIST INFORMS THE PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN THAT THE VACCINATION HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED; AND

(IV) IF THE PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN IS NOT THE PATIENT'S PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN, THE PHARMACIST HAS MADE A REASONABLE EFFORT TO INFORM THE PATIENT'S PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN THAT THE VACCINATION HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED; AND

(V) THE VACCINATION IS ADMINISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.