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MEMORANDUM

TO: Independent Pharmacies
FROM: Beth Rowe-West, RN., BSN, Head *BRW*
Immunization Branch
SUBJECT: House Bill 832: Expanding Role of Immunizing Pharmacists

Effective October 1, 2013 immunizing pharmacists may administer vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to persons at least 18 years of age pursuant to a specific prescription order. In addition, an immunizing pharmacist may administer the following vaccines to adults 18 years of age and older, provided the pharmacist is following approved written protocols:

- (1) Pneumococcal polysaccharide or pneumococcal conjugate vaccines.
- (2) Herpes zoster vaccine.
- (3) Hepatitis B vaccine.
- (4) Meningococcal polysaccharide or meningococcal conjugate vaccines.
- (5) Tetanus-diphtheria, tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and pertussis, tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis, or tetanus toxoid vaccines.

An immunizing pharmacist may administer the influenza vaccine to persons at least 14 years of age pursuant to 21 NCAC 46 .2507 and 21 NCAC 32U .0101.

The immunizing pharmacist administering a vaccine must also:

- Maintain a record of any vaccine administered to the patient in a patient profile.
- Notify the patient's primary care provider within 72 hours after administration. If the patient does not identify a primary care provider, the immunizing pharmacist shall direct the patient to information describing the benefits of having a primary care physician
- Except for influenza vaccines administered under G.S.90-85.15B(b)(6), access the North Carolina Immunization Registry (NCIR) prior to administering the vaccine or immunization and record any vaccine or immunization administered to the patient in the registry within 72 hours after the administration. In the event the registry is not operable, an immunizing pharmacist shall report as soon as reasonably possible.
- Successfully complete NCIR training approved by the Division of Public Health's Immunization Branch.

Return the attached document by fax (919-870-4824) or email (ncir.pharmacists@dhhs.nc.gov) no later than **Friday, September 20, 2013.**

For more information, please call Nikita Spears at 919-707-5569 or send your inquiries to the email address above.

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**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
North Carolina Immunization Branch
Independent Pharmacies Questionnaire**

Pharmacy Contact Information

Independent Pharmacy Name: _____

Pharmacy Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Pharmacy Store Number: _____

Pharmacy Store Manager: _____

Pharmacy Store Manager Telephone Number: _____

Pharmacy Store Manager Email Address: _____

Name of Immunizing Pharmacist: _____

Immunizing Pharmacist Email Address: _____

Pharmacy Questionnaire

(Please mark yes or no for the questions below)

1. Will your pharmacy be administering any vaccines allowable by the new law?

Yes _____

No _____

Undecided _____

2. If yes, you are required to receive training to learn how to document administered vaccines in the North Carolina Immunization Registry. Are you interested in attending a training before January 1, 2014?

Yes ____

No ____

(Or)

Do you prefer to attend a training after January 1, 2014?

Yes ____

No ____