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SYNOPSIS

Permits dentists to administer vaccines under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2021)

AN ACT concerning vaccines and supplementing Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. a. If a dentist is approved by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry to administer human papillomavirus or influenza vaccines and related emergency medications and if the dentist is in compliance with rules promulgated by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry and the State Board of Medical Examiners, the dentist may administer an influenza vaccine or a human papillomavirus vaccine to a patient who is 18 years of age or older.

b. The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry may certify a dentist to administer immunizations to patients who are 18 years of age or older during a public health emergency declared pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.) which are intended to prevent or reduce the transmission of the disease that is the basis for the declared public health emergency, regardless of whether the board has adopted rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this act.

c. An immunization administered to a patient by a dentist shall be reported by the dentist to the New Jersey Immunization Information System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.138 (C.26:4-134) as required pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-3.16, for inclusion in the patient's registry.

2. The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry and the State Board of Medical Examiners shall adopt rules and regulations, in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), which are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill provides that if a dentist is approved by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry to administer influenza vaccines or human papillomavirus vaccines and related emergency medications and if the dentist is in compliance with rules promulgated by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry and the State Board of Medical Examiners, the dentist may administer an influenza vaccine or a human papillomavirus vaccine to a patient who is 18 years of age or older.

Further, the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry may certify a dentist to administer immunizations to patients who are 18 years of age or older during a public health emergency which are intended to

prevent or reduce the transmission of the disease that is the basis for the declared public health emergency.

An immunization administered to a patient by a dentist is to be reported by the dentist to the New Jersey Immunization Information System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.138 (C.26:4-134) as required pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-3.16, for inclusion in the patient's registry.