

## **The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists**

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### **Immunization Authority Expansion to all CDC-recommended Vaccines S321 (Robach)/A455 (Paulin)**

**Fact Sheet**  
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#### **Who the bill applies to:**

- Approximately 13,000 pharmacists certified as immunizers by the Education Department

#### **What the bill does:**

- Makes permanent the law which authorizes immunization by Pharmacist (enacted in 2008)
- Removes the requirement that the physician or nurse practitioner who issues a non-patient-specific order must be in the same of adjoining county as the Pharmacist who executes the order
- Replaces the list of specific vaccines (influenza, pneumococcal, acute herpes zoster, meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) with all CDC-recommended vaccines for adults. These are Hepatitis A and B, varicella, human papilloma virus and measles, mumps, and rubella

#### **Why this legislation is needed:**

- Current law sunsets July, 2020. Passage ensures any necessary regulations will be in place
- Improve prevention and reduce healthcare costs
- Advances the NYS Health Department Prevention Agenda 2013-2018 to
  - Decrease pertussis disease
  - Decrease influenza disease
  - Increase the number of providers of pneumococcal vaccine to adults
  - Decrease the burden of disease caused by human papillomavirus
  - Increase adult immunization rates for Tdap, influenza, pneumococcal and HPV
- County rule in current law is restricting access to vaccines, in the areas (mostly upstate) with low adult immunization rates and which are considered medically underserved
- Helps to reduce health disparities

#### **Support:**

- Pharmacists Society of the State of New York, Student Pharmacists Society of the State of New York, New York State Council of Health System Pharmacists, Chain Pharmacy Association of New York, the New York Chapter of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, the New York Chapter of the American College of Clinical Pharmacists