

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 7, “Hospital Pharmacy Practice,” and Chapter 23, “Long-Term Care Pharmacy Practice,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments were approved at the June 24, 2015, regular meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

The proposed amendments permit, as authorized by federal law, the administration of any influenza or pneumococcal vaccine to a hospital or long-term care facility patient pursuant to physician-approved hospital or facility policy after the patient has been assessed for contraindications. Current subrules limit this authority to the administration of influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines only.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of Board rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Any interested person may present written comments, data, views, and arguments on the proposed amendments not later than 4:30 p.m. on August 15, 2015. Such written materials may be sent to Terry Witkowski, Acting Director/Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688; or by e-mail to terry.witkowski@iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 155A.13, 155A.15, 155A.23, and 155A.35.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 7.8(14) as follows:

7.8(14) *Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines.* As authorized by federal law, a written or verbal patient-specific medication administration order shall not be required prior to administration to an adult patient of influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines pursuant to physician-approved hospital policy and after the patient has been assessed for contraindications. Administration shall be recorded in the patient’s medical record.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 23.9(4) as follows:

23.9(4) *Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines.* As authorized by federal law, a written or verbal patient-specific medication administration order shall not be required prior to administration to an adult patient of influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines pursuant to physician-approved facility policy and after the patient has been assessed for contraindications. Administration shall be recorded in the patient’s record. The facility shall submit to the provider pharmacy a listing of those residents or staff members who have been immunized utilizing vaccine from each vial supplied by the provider pharmacy.