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Statewide Standing Order ("Standing Order") for the Administration of Vaccines by Other Providers

Purpose: To permit eligible providers, as defined by this Standing Order, to administer or dispense vaccines as recommended by the latest federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) immunization recommendations for individuals who are not less than eleven (11) years of age, including any COVID-19 vaccine authorized by the FDA, and, pursuant to Executive Order 21-29, for COVID-19 vaccines for individuals aged five (5) to ten (10). This Standing Order is to be used in conjunction with the Statewide Protocol for the Administration of Vaccines by Other Providers ("the Protocol").

Eligible Providers: Individuals who are licensed, certified, or registered by a board (as defined in IC 25-1-9-1) and able to administer immunizations within their scope of practice.

Eligible Recipients: Recipient eligibility is dependent on ACIP General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization, applicable ACIP Vaccine – Specific Recommendations, and the Protocol. Pursuant to IC 16-9-4-11, any vaccine authorized pursuant to this Standing Order shall not be administered to any persons under the age of eleven (11) years, except for COVID-19 vaccines for individuals aged five (5) to ten (10), as authorized by Executive Order 21-29

Procedure:

1. **Patient Consent:**
   a. Before administering an immunization, the provider must receive consent in accordance with the Protocol.

2. **Provide Vaccine Information Statement:**
   a. Provide all patients with a copy of the most current federal Vaccine Information Statement (VIS). Provide non-English speaking patients with a copy of the VIS in their native language if one is available and desired. These can be found at www.immunize.org/vis.

3. **Screen for Contraindications and Precautions:**
    a. Prior to the administration of the vaccine, the eligible provider shall screen all patients for contraindications and precautions using an appropriate screening questionnaire as stipulated in the Protocol.

4. **Prepare to Administer Vaccine:**
    a. Choose the needle gauge, needle length, and route of administration according to the ACIP General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization, the applicable ACIP Vaccine – Specific Recommendations, and the Protocol.

5. **Administration of Vaccine:**
    a. All vaccines should be administered in accordance with the ACIP General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization, ACIP Vaccine – Specific Recommendations, and the Protocol.

6. **Vaccination Document, Record, and Reporting Requirements:**
    a. The eligible provider shall create a vaccination record for the patient which is to include the information as set forth in the Protocol.
    b. A copy of the patient's vaccination record shall be kept for a period of seven (7) years. A copy shall be made available to the patient and/or patient's provider upon request.
    c. The eligible provider shall report the vaccination of each patient to the immunization data registry maintained by the state department of health under Indiana Code 16-38-5.

7. **Management of Adverse Events**
    a. Per ACIP General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunizations, the patient who is administered a vaccine should be monitored for adverse effects for at least fifteen (15) minutes in the general vicinity of the administering provider.
    b. In the event of an adverse reaction, the administering provider is to follow the procedures for the management of the reaction. The procedures for managing adverse reactions are set forth in the Protocol.
    c. Report all adverse events following the administration of a vaccine to the federal Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). To submit a VAERS report online (preferred) or to download a writable PDF form, go to https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html.

Geographic Region: This Standing Order is applicable statewide.

Standing Orders Authorization: This Standing Order is issued pursuant to Indiana Code 16-19-4-11, which allows the State Health Commissioner to issue a standing order that allows providers who are licensed, certified, or registered by a board as defined in Indiana Code 25-1-9-1 to administer or dispense an immunization that is recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for individuals who are not less than eleven (11) years of age. This standing order is issued individuals aged five (5) and above for the COVID-19 vaccine based on Executive Order 21-29. This includes any FDA authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

This Standing Order shall be reviewed annually by the state department of health and revised as needed. This Standing Order is effective January 1 through December 31, 2022.

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