Summary Report

Pharmacist Vaccination Laws

Since the 1990s, there has been a growing movement to improve access to immunization services by giving pharmacists the authority to administer vaccines.

This dataset explores laws that give pharmacists authority to administer vaccines and establish requirements for third-party vaccination authorization, patient age restrictions, and specific vaccination practice requirements, such as training, reporting, record-keeping, notification, malpractice insurance, and emergency exceptions.

This report summarizes key findings from the pharmacist vaccination laws dataset. Additional maps and tables are available at www.LawAtlas.org.



States authorizing pharmacist vaccination, as of Jan. 1, 2016

As of January 1, 2016, pharmacists were allowed to administer vaccines in 46 states and the District of Columbia.

Jurisdictions: 47 (AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, VT, WI, WV, WY)



States authorizing pharmacist vaccination, as of Jan. 1, 1990

In January 1990, pharmacists could administer vaccines in only two states.

Jurisdictions: 2 (HI, MI)



States granting pharmacists prescriptive authority as of Jan. 1, 2015

Ten states grant pharmacists prescriptive authority. Jurisdictions: 10

(AZ, CA, ID, LA, ME, MT, NH, SD, WV, WY)