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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACT
 MINISTER OF ECONOMIC, GROWTH, TOURISM AND CULTURE
 AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
 (ATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT GROWTH AGREEMENT)
 WITH
 THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
 AND
 THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK
 AND
 THE PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
 AND
 THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

Pursuant to clause 10(a) and (c) of the *Executive Council Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-12 Council authorized the Minister of Economic Growth, Tourism and Culture to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada, as represented by the Minister for the purposes of the *Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency Act* and Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Province of New Brunswick, as represented by the Chief Executive Officer of Opportunities New Brunswick; the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, as represented by the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology and the Minister for Intergovernmental Affairs; and the Province of Nova Scotia, as represented by the Minister of Economic Development for the purposes of aligning federal and provincial priorities and to maximize the parties' contributed resources to advance the Atlantic Trade and Investment Growth Agreement objectives, effective the date of the last party signing to March 31, 2027, such as more particularly described in the draft agreement.

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REGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT
PHARMACIST AND PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGULATIONS
AMENDMENT

Pursuant to sections 2 and 96 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-10.1, Council made the following regulations:

1. **Clauses 24(1)(e) and (2)(d) of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Regulations (EC445/19) are amended by the deletion of the word “minor” and the substitution of the word “common”.**

2. (1) Subsection 28(1) of the regulations is revoked and the following substituted:

28. Common ailment

- (1) In these regulations, “common ailment” means an ailment listed in Schedule C to these regulations.
 - (2) **Subsection 28(2) of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the words “a minor ailment” and the substitution of the words “a common ailment”.**
 - (3) **Subsection 28(3) of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the word “minor” wherever it occurs and the substitution of the word “common”.**
- 3. Subsection 43(3) of the regulations is amended in the words preceding clause (a) by the addition of the words “or section 43.1” after the words “under this section”.**

4. The regulations are amended by the addition of the following after section 43:

43.1 Special authorization to perform additional reserved activities

- (1) A pharmacy technician may apply to the Registrar, in the form approved by the Council, for a special authorization to perform one or more of the following reserved activities:
 - (a) administering by injection a drug or vaccine prescribed by a medical practitioner or nurse practitioner;
 - (b) administering by injection or intranasally a vaccine for a disease listed in Schedule A;
 - (c) administering by injection a vaccine for a disease listed in Schedule B.

Requirements for special authorization

- (2) An applicant is eligible for a special authorization to perform a reserved activity listed in subsection (1) if the applicant
 - (a) has successfully completed a drug knowledge and administration program approved by Council; and
 - (b) holds current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

Process and administration

- (3) Subsections 24(3) to (8) apply with the necessary changes in respect of an application made under subsection (1), the requirements set out in subsection (2) and a special authorization granted to perform a reserved activity set out in subsection (1).

Administering a drug or vaccine

- (4) Subject to subsection (5), a pharmacy technician may administer by injection a drug or vaccine in accordance with a special authorization granted under this section, under the direct supervision of a pharmacist who has a special authorization to administer by injection the drug or vaccine, if
 - (a) the pharmacist believes that it is in the best interests of the patient to administer the drug or vaccine, in accordance with
 - (i) the standards of practice,
 - (ii) the code of ethics, and
 - (iii) any applicable practice directives issued by the College;
 - (b) the pharmacist or the pharmacy technician has provided the patient or the representative with sufficient information for the patient or the representative to make an informed and voluntary decision regarding the administration of the drug or vaccine; and
 - (c) the pharmacist or the pharmacy technician has obtained the informed consent of the patient or the representative.

Restrictions and duties

- (5) Subsections 25(2) and (3) to (7) apply with the necessary changes in respect of the administration of a drug or vaccine by a pharmacy technician with a special authorization.
5. **Schedule A to the regulations is amended by the addition of the words “or administered with special authorization under clause 43.1(1)(b)” after the words “under clause 24(1)(b)”.**
6. **Schedule B to the regulations is amended by the addition of the words “or administered with special authorization under clause 43.1(1)(c)” after the words “under clause 24(1)(c)”.**
- 7.(1) **The heading of Schedule C to the regulations is amended by the deletion of the word “Minor” and the substitution of the word “Common”.**
- (2) **Schedule C to the regulations is amended by the addition of the following after clause (d):**
- (d.1) COVID-19;
8. (1) **Subject to subsection (2), these regulations come into force on July 23, 2022.**
- (2) **Sections 3 to 6 of these regulations come into force on October 1, 2022.**

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SECTION 1 amends clauses 24(1)(e) and (2)(d) of the regulations to delete the word “minor” and substitute the word “common” as the descriptor for the types of ailments to which those clauses apply.

SECTION 2 revokes subsection 28(1) of the regulations and substitutes a new subsection 28(1) to define the term “common ailment”, and also amends subsections 28(2) and (3) of the regulations to delete the word “minor” and substitute the word “common” as the descriptor for the types of ailments to which those subsections apply.

SECTION 3 amends subsection 43(3) of the regulations to also refer to the direct supervision of a pharmacy technician under the new section 43.1 of the regulations.

SECTION 4 adds a new section 43.1 to the regulations to provide for a special authorization to be granted to a pharmacy technician to administer by injection certain drugs or vaccines.

SECTION 5 amends Schedule A to the regulations to reflect that a vaccine for a disease listed in the schedule may be administered by a pharmacy technician with special authorization to do so.

SECTION 6 amends Schedule B to the regulations to reflect that a vaccine for a disease listed in the schedule may be administered by a pharmacy technician with special authorization to do so.

SECTION 7 amends the heading of Schedule C to the regulations to **delete the word “minor” and substitute the word “common” as the descriptor for the types of ailments listed in the Schedule, and adds COVID-19 to the list of common ailments.**

SECTION 8 provides for the commencement of these regulations.