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Introduced by Senators Cummings, McCormack, and Westman

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Referred to Committee on

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Date:

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Subject: Health; pharmacists; influenza immunizations

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Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to enable

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pharmacists to administer influenza immunizations to minors.

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An act relating to the administration of influenza immunizations by

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pharmacists

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It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

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Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 2047 is added to read:

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§ 2047. ADMINISTRATION OF INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATIONS

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A pharmacist licensed pursuant to this chapter who has satisfied the

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requirements established by the Vermont Board of Pharmacy by rule may

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administer an influenza immunization to any individual, including a minor.

1 Sec. 2. 8 V.S.A. chapter 107, subchapter 15 is added to read:

2 Subchapter 15. Pharmacist-Administered Immunizations

3 § 4100I. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PHARMACIST-ADMINISTERED

4 INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATIONS

5 (a) A pharmacist authorized to administer influenza immunizations  
6 pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 2047 shall be reimbursed by an individual or an  
7 individual's health insurance plan for administering an influenza immunization  
8 at the same rate or amount as a physician licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A.  
9 chapter 23 or 33.

10 (b) As used in this section, "health insurance plan" means any health  
11 insurance policy or any health benefit plan offered by a health insurer, as  
12 defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9402, as well as Medicaid and any other public health  
13 care assistance program offered or administered by the State or by any  
14 subdivision or instrumentality of the State. The term shall not include policies  
15 or plans providing coverage for a specific disease or other limited benefit  
16 coverage.

17 Sec. 3. RULEMAKING

18 The Vermont Board of Pharmacy shall amend existing rules pursuant to  
19 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to conform to the requirements of 26 V.S.A. § 2047.

20 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.