

Chapter 75

(Senate Bill 210)

AN ACT concerning

**Emergency Medical Services – Paramedics – Immunization Administration –
Effective Date**

FOR the purpose of delaying the effective date of certain provisions of law that repeal the authority of paramedics to administer influenza and ~~2019CoV~~ COVID-19 immunizations under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the authority of paramedics to administer immunizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, ~~without~~ with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 13–516(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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Article – Education
Section 13–516(g)
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(As enacted by Section 2 of Chapter 799 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021,
as amended by Chapter 404 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 799 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021, as amended by Chapter
404 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022
Section 4

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

13–516.

(g) Subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the EMS Board, a paramedic may administer:

(1) Influenza and hepatitis B immunizations and tuberculosis skin testing, in a nonemergency environment, to public safety or ambulance service personnel within the jurisdiction of the paramedic, if the services are:

(i) Authorized by a written agreement between the provider's jurisdictional EMS operational program medical director or ambulance service medical director and the county or city health department in whose jurisdiction the services are performed, which shall include provisions for documentation, referral and follow-up, and storage and inventory of medicine;

(ii) Under the direction of the jurisdictional EMS operational program medical director or ambulance service medical director; and

(iii) Approved by the Institute; and

(2) Influenza and ~~2019CoV~~ **COVID-19** immunizations, if the immunizations are:

(i) 1. Provided under the direction of the EMS operational program medical director, ambulance service medical director, or other qualified physician; and

2. Authorized by the Institute;

(ii) Part of a population health outreach effort conducted by the appropriate local health department or a hospital or health system in the State; and

(iii) Provided in accordance with a written agreement between the paramedic's EMS operational program or ambulance service and the county or city health department in the jurisdiction in which the services are performed or a hospital or health system in the State, which includes provisions for:

1. The administration of a vaccine to an individual at least 18 years old;

2. Storage and inventory of medication;

3. Distribution of appropriate Vaccine Information Statements;

4. Documentation of patient consent;

5. Recognition of adverse effects;

6. Referral and follow-up; and

7. Appropriate documentation of vaccine administration, including within the ImmuNet system.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

13–516.

(g) Subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the EMS Board, a paramedic may administer influenza and hepatitis B immunizations and tuberculosis skin testing, in a nonemergency environment, to public safety or ambulance service personnel within the jurisdiction of the paramedic, if the services are:

(1) Authorized by a written agreement between the provider's jurisdictional EMS operational program medical director or ambulance service medical director and the county or city health department in whose jurisdiction the services are performed, which shall include provisions for documentation, referral and follow-up, and storage and inventory of medicine;

(2) Under the direction of the jurisdictional EMS operational program medical director or ambulance service medical director; and

(3) Approved by the Institute.

Chapter 799 of the Acts of 2021, as amended by Chapter 404 of the Acts of 2022

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect January 1, [2025] **2030**.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2024.