



COVID-19: Actions Under the Federal PREP Act

The Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a PREP Act declaration. There are several recent PREP Act declarations that impact practice authority for pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians:

Third Amendment – Childhood Vaccines, 8/24/20

- Authorizes pharmacists to order and administer, and interns to administer, childhood vaccines (ages 3 – 18),

HHS Guidance – COVID Vaccines, 9/3/20

- Authorizes pharmacists to order and administer, and interns to administer, COVID vaccines,

HHS Guidance – Pharmacy Technicians & Interns Administer, 10/20/20

- Authorizes pharmacy technicians and interns (further clarifies interns) to administer both childhood vaccines and COVID vaccines.

Seventh Amendment – Inactive, Expired, or Lapsed Licenses, 3/11/21

- Authorizes pharmacists and pharmacy interns/student pharmacists who have licenses that are inactive, expired, or lapsed in the past 5 years to prescribe, dispense, and/or administer COVID vaccines (based on previous PREP Act authority) provided the licensee was in good standing before inactivity, expiration, or lapse.

HHS Guidance – Pharmacy Technicians & Interns Administer Flu Vaccines to Adults, 8/3/21

- HHS Secretary Becerra extended PREP Act coverage to pharmacy techs and interns with proper training to administer seasonal flu vaccines to adults.

To find more information about the PREP Act at visit [PHE.gov](https://www.phe.gov).