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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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<b>2003 Wisconsin Act 181</b> [2003 Senate Bill 426]	<b>Administration of Drugs or Vaccines by Persons Supervised by a Pharmacist</b>
2003 Acts: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/">www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/</a>	Act Memos: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm">www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm</a>

2003 Wisconsin Act 181 allows two types of specified persons who are acting under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist to administer drug products or devices, or to administer vaccines, if they meet requirements specified in the Act. The types of persons who may do so are: (1) a person who has successfully completed his or her second year, and is enrolled at, an accredited school of pharmacy and who is performing duties under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist in Wisconsin; and (2) a person who is licensed as a pharmacist in another state and whose practice will be limited to performing duties under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist in Wisconsin during the period before which the Pharmacy Examining Board takes final action on the person's application for licensure in Wisconsin.

Under the statutes, a pharmacist may administer by injection a prescribed drug product or device (not including a vaccine) if he or she has successfully completed a course of study and training in injection technique conducted by a course provider approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or the Pharmacy Examining Board. A pharmacist may administer a prescribed drug product or device only in the course of teaching self-administration techniques to a patient. Pharmacists must comply with requirements and procedures established by the Pharmacy Examining Board by rule. In addition, a pharmacist may administer a vaccine if he or she has completed 12 hours in a course of study and training, approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or the Pharmacy Examining Board, on specified topics. Vaccines may not be administered to a person who is under 18 years of age. A pharmacist who administers a vaccine must have liability insurance in an amount that is not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and \$2,000,000 for all occurrences in any one policy year.

Act 181 provides similar authorization to the types of persons described above--persons who have completed their second year at an accredited school of pharmacy and persons who are licensed as pharmacists in other states and have applied for licensure in Wisconsin. Under the Act, such a person

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.

may administer a prescribed drug product or device if he or she has successfully completed a course of study and training in administration technique conducted by a course provider approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or the Pharmacy Examining Board. The person may administer a prescribed drug product or device only under the direct supervision of a pharmacist who has completed such a course, and may only do so in the course of teaching self-administration techniques to a patient. Persons who do so must comply with requirements and procedures established by the Pharmacy Examining Board by rule.

The Act also provides that these persons may administer a vaccine if they do so under the direct supervision of a pharmacist and if they and the supervising pharmacist have successfully completed 12 hours in a course of study and training, approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or the Pharmacy Examining Board, on specified topics. Vaccines may not be administered to a person who is under 18 years of age. In addition, a supervising pharmacist must have liability insurance in the amounts described above that covers the pharmacist and the person who administers the vaccine.

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