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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Assembly Bill 5 directs the Department of Health Services (DHS) to take certain actions relating to vaccine administration of the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine, including all of the following:

- DHS must include in the highest level of priority for SARS-CoV-2 vaccine individuals aged 60 or older.
- DHS must immediately allow any pharmacy or other vaccinator to administer SARS-CoV-2 vaccines to individuals in the next level of prioritization under either the federal advisory committee on immunization practices's (ACIP) recommendations or recommendations on vaccine allocation priority issued by DHS if the demand on the vaccinator for vaccines from individuals in the level of prioritization being administered is satisfied.
- DHS must define a frontline essential worker to be any frontline essential worker who is not a health care worker and who works as an emergency first responder, corrections officer, food or agricultural worker, postal service worker, manufacturing worker, grocery store worker, public transit worker, child care worker, or worker in the education sector.
- DHS must allow any pharmacy that is part of the federal pharmacy partnership for long-term care program to administer SARS-CoV-2 vaccines to assisted living facility residents and staff and any other long-term care facility residents or staff included in the program before completing the administration of vaccines to all nursing home residents and staff if the pharmacy determines that such administration is more efficient in vaccinating more individuals in less time.
- DHS must implement a single, efficient, statewide, centralized, and publicly available platform for identifying populations eligible to receive the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine, for disseminating information about receiving the vaccine, and for allowing eligible populations to make appointments to receive the vaccine through a means that meets applicable privacy requirements.
- DHS must develop a plan for vaccinating the general public against SARS-CoV-2 beginning when the supply of vaccine in the state satisfies the demand of the populations recommended for priority in the ACIP recommendations but no later than March 15, 2021. DHS must develop and submit the plan to the standing committees of each house of the Legislature with jurisdiction over health issues by February 28, 2021.
- DHS must take action on any application to become a vaccinator for the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine within 10 days of receipt of the application.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 provides that DHS must request from the federal distribution system for the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine no less than the maximum amount of vaccine allocated to the state until all demand for SARS-CoV-2 vaccine in the state has been satisfied.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representative Duchow on January 25, 2021. On January 28, 2021, the Assembly adopted the amendment by a voice vote, and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 57; Noes, 36.

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