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PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF PHARMACY

Resolution No. 05
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**ACCREDITING PHILIPPINE PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION, INC (PPhA) AS THE
TRAINING PROVIDER TO CONDUCT THE “IMMUNIZING PHARMACIST
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM”**

WHEREAS, Section 9 (b) of Republic Act (RA) No. 8981, otherwise known as “PRC Modernization Act of 2000” provides that various Professional Regulatory Boards are mandated to monitor the conditions affecting the practice of the profession or occupation under their respective jurisdictions and whenever necessary, adopt such measures, as may be deemed proper, for the enhancement of the profession or occupation and/or maintenance of high professional, ethical and technical standards;

WHEREAS, Section 8, Article II of RA No. 10918, otherwise known as “Philippine Pharmacy Act” authorizes the Professional Regulatory Board of Pharmacy (Board) to promulgate rules and regulations, administrative orders, and issuances necessary to carry out the provisions of said law;

WHEREAS, Section 4 (g), Article I of RA No. 10918 deems a person to be practicing pharmacy when, with or without a fee, salary, percentage or other rewards, paid or given directly or indirectly, shall, among others, administer adult vaccines as approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), provided, that they shall undergo the training on the safe administration of adult vaccines and management of Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) for pharmacists and hold a certificate of training issued by an institution duly accredited by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC);

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article I of RA No. 10918 defines adult vaccines as cervical cancer, flu (influenza), pneumococcal, other pre-exposure prophylactic vaccines to be administered to patients aged eighteen (18) years and above, and such other vaccines as may be defined by the Department of Health (DOH) in an administrative issuance;

WHEREAS, Section 40, Article IV of RA No. 10918 states that in addition to the requirement provided in Section 4, paragraph (g) thereof, licensed and trained pharmacist who shall administer adult vaccines shall ensure that the vaccine to be administered shall have a doctor’s prescription which is not more than seven (7) days old and submit a monthly vaccination report and AEFI report to DOH regional offices using the prescribed form;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 1089 (s. 2018), the Philippine Pharmacists Association, Inc (PPhA) was accredited as the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) of the Pharmacy profession and as such it is duty bound to improve the standards of the profession through effective collaboration with the Board and PRC, to look into conditions affecting the practice and to propose policies or measures to the Board or PRC for improvement;

WHEREAS, the PPhA prepared and endorsed¹ a concept paper on the "Immunizing Pharmacist Certification Program" incorporating the revisions in the training program from the presentations² made to the Board and PRC, through the Oversight Commissioner;

WHEREAS, after evaluating the final output of the Immunizing Pharmacist Certification Program, the Board finds the same to be compliant with the training requirement of an Immunizing Pharmacist and determined that the PPhA, aside from being the AIPO for pharmacists, has a pool of competent trainers including US certified Immunizing Pharmacists and has a nationwide network that will enable them to implement the immunizing pharmacists training program which integrated the modules of the DOH on COVID-19 vaccines;

WHEREAS, the certification of the immunizing pharmacist is part of the implementation of RA No.10918 where one of the scope of practice of the pharmacist is the administration of adult vaccines;³ provided, however, that he/she has undergone prior training on the safe administration of adult vaccines and management of AEFI for pharmacists and holds a certificate of training issued by an institution duly accredited by the PRC. The relevance of this role was made more urgent given the need of the government to augment its existing human complement for the mass vaccination for the COVID-19;

WHEREAS, pharmacists have been identified by the DOH to provide professional service as immunizers in its designated vaccination sites.

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing considerations and upon review of all relevant documents, the Board **RESOLVES**, as it hereby **RESOLVED**, to recommend the following:

1. To accredit PPhA as the Training Provider for immunizing pharmacists;
2. To accredit the program of PPhA entitled "Immunizing Pharmacist Certification Program" as the training program for the Certification of the Immunizing Pharmacists. A copy thereof is attached as Annex A and made integral part of this Resolution;
3. To require the PPhA to issue Certificate of Training to every pharmacist who completed the said program. In the interim, this Certificate will serve as proof of the eligibility of the pharmacist to administer adult vaccines;
4. To require PPhA to submit a list of pharmacists who were conferred with a Certificate of Training within ten (10) days after the end of the program offering to the Regulation Division of the Regional Office having jurisdiction of the venue of the program. The Regional Office shall transmit the list to the Board through the Board Secretariat Division; and
5. To require the FDA-licensed pharmaceutical outlet to display in a conspicuous place of their establishment a list of Certified Immunizing Pharmacists in their employ together with their respective Certificates of Training.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the administration of adult vaccines will be done within the premises of an FDA-licensed pharmaceutical outlet; EXCEPT, during public health emergencies or vaccination programs initiated by the government, where a pharmacist becomes part of the vaccination deployment team.

RESOLVED FINALLY, the accreditation of the PPhA shall be valid only within the public health emergency or within three (3) years from conferment, whichever comes

¹ Discussed in the meetings dated November 18, 2020, December 4, 2020, and January 14, 2021

² Presentations made on January 21, 2021 and February 10, 2021

³ Activities that are non-exclusive to pharmacists

later. Thereafter, it shall be required to undergo application process pursuant to separate guidelines which will be issued for this purpose.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately after its full publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of the Philippines or any newspaper of general circulation and which shall be disseminated to the UP Law Center, AIPO, and other stakeholders.

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th of March, 2021


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Note: The Resolution and its Annex A may be fully viewed at PRC Website
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