

## Chapter 28 Community-Based Immunization Programs

### Scope

100 The administration of vaccinations clearly constitutes the practice of medicine, as defined by Mississippi Code Section 73-25-33, and thus may only be performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state, or by a licensed nurse under the direction and supervision of a licensed physician.

### Definitions

200 For the purpose of Chapter 28 only, the following term has the meaning indicated:

1. “Part-time” means a minimum of 20 hours per week.

### Position

300 It is the position of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure that vaccinations administered pursuant to a community-based public immunization program are considered to be under the direction and supervision of a physician, and thus do not constitute the unlawful practice of medicine, when all of the following criteria are met:

1. the vaccinations are administered to the public by a licensed nurse and
2. are carried out pursuant to state and federal public health immunization programs or other programs which:
  - a. shall be approved in advance by the Board;
  - b. shall be conducted under the general supervision of a physician licensed in the state of Mississippi, who is in at least part-time practice of medicine and resides in the state of Mississippi; and,
  - c. a single physician assumes responsibility for the safe conduct of the immunization program.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §73-43-11 (Rev. 1972)