

ADOPTIONS SECTION

HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES BRANCH

DIVISION OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE PROGRAM

Notice of Readoption

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:57B

Hepatitis Inoculation Fund

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:4-100.13.

Authorized By: Jeffrey A. Brown, Acting Commissioner, Department of Health (in consultation with the Public Health Council).

Effective Date: September 9, 2025.

New Expiration Date: September 9, 2032.

Take notice that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 8:57B, Hepatitis Inoculation Fund, were scheduled to expire on December 11, 2025.

N.J.A.C. 8:57B directs the operation of the Hepatitis Inoculation Fund to assist municipalities with expenses incurred in providing Hepatitis B inoculations to certain emergency medical technicians, firefighters, and police officers. N.J.A.C. 8:57B-1.1 establishes the purpose and scope of the chapter. N.J.A.C. 8:57B-1.2 establishes definitions of words and terms used throughout the chapter. N.J.A.C. 8:57B-1.3 establishes general requirements, which include Hepatitis Inoculation Fund allocation priorities in accordance with an eligibility schedule for applicant municipalities. N.J.A.C. 8:57B-1.4 establishes the application process by which municipalities apply for

reimbursement from the Hepatitis Inoculation Fund. N.J.A.C. 8:57B-1.5 establishes the funding and allocation method by which the Department of Health (Department) allocates monies from the Hepatitis Inoculation Fund to applicant municipalities. N.J.A.C. 8:57B-1.6 establishes the lottery process by which the Department ranks municipalities to receive reimbursement from the Hepatitis Inoculation Fund. N.J.A.C. 8:57B-1.7, Use of hepatitis inoculation funds by municipalities, requires municipalities to use monies from the Hepatitis Inoculation Fund for the purposes specified at N.J.S.A. 26:4-100.13. N.J.A.C. 8:57B-1.8, Accounting and audit, establishes the State's right to audit records referenced at Subchapter 1. N.J.A.C. 8:57B-1.9, Division responsibilities, establishes the responsibilities of the Department with respect to this chapter including, but not limited to, reimbursement of municipalities and day-to-day administration of the Hepatitis Inoculation Fund.

The Acting Commissioner of the Department has reviewed existing N.J.A.C. 8:57B and determined that the existing chapter remains necessary, proper, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive for the purposes for which it was originally promulgated, as amended and supplemented over time, and should be readopted. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), N.J.A.C. 8:57B is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.