



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 213

February Session, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF INFLUENZA IN NURSING HOMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-522 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

3 (a) [On or before December 1, 1975, the commissioner shall] The
4 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,
5 [adopt regulations] concerning the health, safety and welfare of
6 patients in nursing home facilities, classification of violations relating
7 to such facilities, medical staff qualifications, record-keeping, nursing
8 service, dietary service, personnel qualifications and general
9 operational conditions. The regulations shall: (1) Assure that each
10 patient admitted to a nursing home facility is protected by adequate
11 immunization against influenza and pneumonia in accordance with
12 the recommendations of the national Advisory Committee on
13 Immunization Practices, established by the Secretary of Health and
14 Human Services; (2) specify that each patient be protected annually
15 against influenza and no less than every five years for pneumonia; and
16 (3) provide appropriate exemptions for patients for whom such
17 immunizations are medically contraindicated and for patients who
18 object to such immunization on religious grounds.

19 (b) Nursing home facilities may not charge the family or estate of a

20 deceased self-pay patient beyond the date on which such patient dies.
21 Nursing home facilities shall reimburse the estate of a deceased self-
22 pay patient within sixty days after the death of such patient, for any
23 advance payments made by or on behalf of the patient covering any
24 period beyond the date of death. Interest, in accordance with
25 subsection (a) of section 37-1, on such reimbursement shall begin to
26 accrue from the date of such patient's death.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*