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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Senate Bill 1195 - An Act Concerning Administration of Influenza and Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccines by Licensed Home Health Care Agency Staff

The Department of Public Health provides the following information concerning Senate Bill 1195.

- The concept of allowing licensed nurses employed by home health care agencies to administer influenza and pneumococcal vaccines to adult patients under an approved protocol is supported.
- This bill would provide access for patients receiving home health services to receive influenza and pneumococcal vaccines in their homes.
- The Department would develop regulations to permit such vaccinations based upon standardized protocols.
- The Department suggests that the proposed legislation be amended to delete the educational requirements regarding immunization education and administration as such procedures and knowledge already fall within the education and scope of practice of licensed nurses.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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