
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 7101

***AN ACT CONCERNING FLU SHOTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
PRIOR TO HOSPITAL DISCHARGE.***

SUMMARY

This bill requires hospitals, from October 1, 2019 through March 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, to offer influenza vaccinations to inpatients ages 65 and older before they are discharged, unless it is medically contraindicated. Hospitals must do this (1) only if the vaccination is available and (2) in accordance with the recommendations of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

The bill also requires the public health commissioner to adopt regulations to implement the immunization requirement.

Existing law already allows a hospital to administer influenza and pneumococcal vaccines to patients without a physician's order. It can do this according to a physician-approved hospital policy after assessing the patient for contraindications.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 11 Nay 0 (02/26/2019)