



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 7101

House of Representatives, March 7, 2019

The Committee on Aging reported through REP. SERRA of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

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

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-490k of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) A hospital may administer care to patients, after an assessment
4 of contraindications, without a physician's order, in accordance with a
5 physician-approved hospital policy, if such care is emergent, timely
6 and necessary, or for the purpose of advancing patient care, to the
7 extent such care is permitted by 42 CFR Part 482.

8 (b) A hospital may administer any prophylactic care or treatment to
9 healthy newborns who are born at the hospital, or who are admitted to
10 the hospital nursery, after an assessment of contraindications, without
11 a physician's order, in accordance with a physician-approved hospital
12 policy, to the extent such care or treatment is permitted by 42 CFR Part
13 482.

14 (c) A hospital may administer influenza and pneumococcal vaccines
 15 to patients, after an assessment for contraindications, without a
 16 physician's order, in accordance with a physician-approved hospital
 17 policy. [The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
 18 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the
 19 provisions of this subsection.]

20 (d) On and after October 1, 2019, to March 1, 2020, inclusive, and
 21 annually thereafter, a hospital shall offer immunizations against
 22 influenza, contingent upon availability of the vaccine and in
 23 accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on
 24 Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and
 25 Prevention, to each inpatient sixty-five years of age and older, prior to
 26 discharge, unless medically contraindicated.

27 (e) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
 28 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the
 29 provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	19a-490k

AGE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which requires hospitals to offer influenza vaccinations to inpatients ages 65 and older before they are discharged, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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)