

AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by changing Section 6.26 as follows:

(210 ILCS 85/6.26)

Sec. 6.26. Immunization against influenza virus and pneumococcal disease.

(a) Every hospital shall adopt an influenza and pneumococcal immunization policy that includes, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) Procedures for identifying patients age 50 ~~65~~ or older for influenza immunization and 65 or older for pneumococcal immunization and, at the discretion of the facility, other patients at risk.

(2) Procedures for offering immunization against influenza virus when available between September 1 and April 1, and against pneumococcal disease upon admission or discharge, to patients in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that are most recent to the time of vaccination, unless contraindicated.

(3) Procedures for ensuring that patients offered immunization, or their guardians, receive information regarding the risks and benefits of vaccination.

The hospital shall provide a copy of its influenza and pneumococcal immunization policy to the Department upon request.

(b) A home rule unit may not regulate immunization against influenza virus and pneumococcal disease in a manner inconsistent with the regulation of such immunizations under this Section. This subsection is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of powers and functions exercised by the State.

(Source: P.A. 98-271, eff. 1-1-14.)