

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

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

6 (210 ILCS 85/6.26)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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