

AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

Section 5. The Nursing Home Care Act is amended by changing Section 2-213 as follows:

(210 ILCS 45/2-213)

Sec. 2-213. Vaccinations.

(a) A facility shall annually administer or arrange for administration of a vaccination against influenza to each resident, 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 the vaccination is medically contraindicated or the resident has refused the vaccine. Influenza vaccinations for all residents age 65 and over shall be completed by November 30 of each year or as soon as practicable if vaccine supplies are not available before November 1. Residents admitted after November 30, during the flu season, and until February 1 shall, as medically appropriate, receive an influenza vaccination prior to or upon admission or as soon as practicable if vaccine supplies are not available at the time of the admission, unless the vaccine is medically contraindicated or the resident has refused the

vaccine. In the event that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determines that dates of administration other than those stated in this Act are optimal to protect the health of residents, the Department is authorized to develop rules to mandate vaccinations at those times rather than the times stated in this Act. A facility shall document in the resident's medical record that an annual vaccination against influenza was administered, arranged, refused or medically contraindicated.

(b) A facility shall administer or arrange for administration of a pneumococcal vaccination to each resident, in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who has not received this immunization prior to or upon admission to the facility, unless the resident refuses the offer for vaccination or the vaccination is medically contraindicated. A facility shall document in each resident's medical record that a vaccination against pneumococcal pneumonia was offered and administered, arranged, refused, or medically contraindicated.

(c) All persons seeking admission to a nursing facility shall be verbally screened for risk factors associated with hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) according to guidelines established by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Persons who are identified as being at high risk for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or HIV

shall be offered an opportunity to undergo laboratory testing in order to determine infection status if they will be admitted to the nursing facility for at least 7 days and are not known to be infected with any of the listed viruses. All HIV testing shall be conducted in compliance with the AIDS Confidentiality Act. All persons determined to be susceptible to the hepatitis B virus shall be offered immunization within 10 days of admission to any nursing facility. A facility shall document in the resident's medical record that he or she was verbally screened for risk factors associated with hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV, and whether or not the resident was immunized against hepatitis B. Nothing in this subsection (c) shall apply to a nursing facility licensed or regulated by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs.

(d) A skilled nursing facility shall designate a person or persons as Infection Prevention and Control Professionals to develop and implement policies governing control of infections and communicable diseases. The Infection Prevention and Control Professionals shall be qualified through education, training, experience, or certification or a combination of such qualifications. The Infection Prevention and Control Professional's qualifications shall be documented and shall be made available for inspection by the Department.

(e) The Department shall provide facilities with educational information on all vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory

Committee on Immunization Practices, including, but not limited to, the risks associated with shingles and how to protect oneself against the varicella-zoster virus. A facility shall distribute the information to: (1) each resident who requests the information; and (2) each newly admitted resident. The facility may distribute the information to residents electronically.

(Source: P.A. 97-107, eff. 1-1-12; 98-271, eff. 1-1-14.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2019.