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House Bill 5361

By Delegate Rohrbach

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A BILL to amend and reenact §16-3-4a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing influenza immunizations to be offered to patients and residents of specified facilities on a voluntary basis based upon recommendations of the Center for Disease Control.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

article 3. prevention and control of communicable and other infectious diseases.

§16-3-4a. Influenza Immunizations.

(a) A hospital licensed pursuant to the provisions of article five-b of this chapter shall offer to an inpatient who is ~~sixty-five~~ 50 years of age or older an influenza immunization prior to discharge from October 1 of every year and continuing through March 1 of the following year.

(b) The immunizations may not be offered in cases where the immunization is contraindicated.

(c) The requirements of this section are subject to the availability for sufficient influenza immunizations.

(d) Nothing in this section may be construed to require an influenza immunization as a condition of receiving any type of service or as a condition of discharge.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow influenza immunizations to be offered to patients and residents of specified facilities on a voluntary basis based upon recommendations of the Center for Disease Control.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.