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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; MAKING THE OFFERING OF INFLUENZA AND
PNEUMOCOCCAL IMMUNIZATIONS TO SENIOR CITIZENS MANDATORY UPON
RELEASE FROM A HOSPITAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Health Act is
enacted to read:

"HOSPITALS--REQUIREMENT TO OFFER INFLUENZA AND
PNEUMOCOCCAL IMMUNIZATIONS.--Each year between October 1 and
March 1 and in accordance with the latest recommendations of
the advisory committee on immunization practices of the
federal centers for disease control and prevention, each
hospital licensed by the department of health shall offer,
prior to discharge, immunizations against the influenza virus
and pneumococcal disease to all inpatients sixty-five years of
age and older unless contraindicated for a patient and
contingent upon the availability of the vaccine."_____