

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2017 REGULAR SESSION

ENROLLED

House Bill 2431

BY DELEGATES ELLINGTON AND ROHRBACH

[Passed March 15, 2017; in effect ninety days from passage.]

1 AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §16-3-4a, relating to offering influenza immunizations to patients upon
3 discharge from licensed hospitals; providing that the immunizations are voluntary; and
4 providing for exceptions based upon availability and in cases where immunizations are
5 contraindicated.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
2 section, designated §16-3-4a, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 3. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE AND OTHER
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

§16-3-4a. Influenza Immunizations.

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

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

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

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

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman, Senate Committee

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President of the Senate

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