

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 492

By Senator Takubo

[Introduced January 18, 2024; referred
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources]

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

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~~ 50 years of age or older an influenza immunization prior to
 3 discharge from October 1 of every year and continuing through March 1 of the following year.

4 (b) The immunizations ~~may not be~~ are not required to be offered in cases where the
 5 immunization is 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.

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.