



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7101**

LCO No. 3382



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FLU SHOTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS PRIOR TO HOSPITAL DISCHARGE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-490k of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) A hospital may administer care to patients, after an assessment  
4 of contraindications, without a physician's order, in accordance with a  
5 physician-approved hospital policy, if such care is emergent, timely  
6 and necessary, or for the purpose of advancing patient care, to the  
7 extent such care is permitted by 42 CFR Part 482.

8 (b) A hospital may administer any prophylactic care or treatment to  
9 healthy newborns who are born at the hospital, or who are admitted to  
10 the hospital nursery, after an assessment of contraindications, without  
11 a physician's order, in accordance with a physician-approved hospital  
12 policy, to the extent such care or treatment is permitted by 42 CFR Part  
13 482.

14 (c) A hospital may administer influenza and pneumococcal vaccines

15 to patients, after an assessment for contraindications, without a  
16 physician's order, in accordance with a physician-approved hospital  
17 policy. [The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in  
18 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the  
19 provisions of this subsection.]

20 (d) On and after October 1, 2019, to March 1, 2020, inclusive, and  
21 annually thereafter, a hospital shall offer immunizations against  
22 influenza, contingent upon availability of the vaccine and in  
23 accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on  
24 Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and  
25 Prevention, to each inpatient sixty-five years of age and older, prior to  
26 discharge, unless medically contraindicated.

27 (e) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in  
28 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the  
29 provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	19a-490k

**AGE**      *Joint Favorable*