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# HOUSE BILL 925: Require Hospitals to Offer Influenza Vaccine

2015-2016 General Assembly

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**SUMMARY:** *House Bill 925 requires hospitals to offer inpatients 65 years of age or older immunization against the influenza virus.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:**

House Bill 925 adds a new section (G.S. 131E-79.10) to Chapter 131E, Article 5. Hospital Licensure Act. The new section requires that each year, from October 1 through March 1, prior to discharging a patient 65 years of age or older who has been admitted for inpatient care, the hospital must offer the patient immunization against the influenza virus if: (i) it has been determined that the patient has not already receive the immunization, (ii) contingent upon availability of the influenza vaccine, and (iii) unless the immunization is medically contraindicated. The offering of the influenza vaccine to inpatients aged 65 and older must be in accordance with the latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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