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## HOUSE BILL 274

## 53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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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:

"[NEW MATERIAL] 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."

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