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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Rodella/Armstrong, D/Thomson      **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/2/17  
**LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_      **HB** 274

**SHORT TITLE** Immunizations for Certain Senior Citizens      **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Chenier

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
 Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 274 would require, based on availability, licensed hospitals, prior to discharging patients sixty-five years or older, to offer influenza and pneumococcal disease immunizations unless contraindicated for a patient.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact noted.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH provided the following:

Thirteen states have pneumococcal and influenza vaccination laws relevant to offering vaccination to patients in hospitals. Flu vaccination requirements are often established in conjunction with pneumococcal vaccination requirements. However, an additional two states require only influenza vaccination be offered (MO, MS).

HB274 would standardize the approach to offering pneumococcal and influenza vaccination to hospitalized patients 65 years of age or older in New Mexico's non-federal hospitals. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services currently promote the administration of both vaccines to hospitalized patients 65 years of age or older and Medicare covers the administration of influenza and both pneumococcal vaccines. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2020 target vaccination rate for both influenza and pneumococcal vaccines is 90 percent for persons aged 65 years or older.

Data from the New Mexico Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) indicate that in 2015, 58.2 percent of respondents 65 and older reported receiving an influenza vaccine. For the same year, 72.7 percent of respondents  $\geq 65$  years of age reported receiving the pneumococcal vaccine.

## **DISPARITIES ISSUES**

DOH stated that the bill targets persons 65 years of age or older. This age group is more likely to have chronic health conditions that place them at risk for severe complications or death from influenza and pneumonia.

Rates of influenza and pneumonia are highest in the population 65 years of age or older compared to other age groups. Preventing infection and secondary complications requires achieving high vaccination rates. The bill targets this group for protection to decrease disparity based on age.

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