

CHAPTER 115
(CORRECTED COPY)

AN ACT concerning influenza vaccines for older adults and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.52:27D-360.8 Provision of information relative to the influenza vaccine for older adults.

1. a. The Department of Health shall prepare and make available on the department's Internet website, in an easily printable format, information about the influenza vaccine for older adults, which shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) the role the influenza vaccine plays in the prevention of influenza in older adults;
- (2) the availability and efficacy of the influenza vaccine;
- (3) a recommendation for each person to consult with a physician to determine whether receiving the influenza vaccine is recommended and appropriate for that person.

The department may additionally provide such other information as it deems necessary and appropriate, including, but not limited to: the health risks and complications associated with, and the morbidity and mortality rates among older adults suffering from, influenza; the individual and community benefits of inoculating older adults living in close proximity to each other, especially those living in continuing care retirement communities and influenza vaccination programs and health care providers providing influenza vaccinations to older adults.

b. As used in this section, "continuing care retirement community" means a continuing care facility that is operating under a certificate of authority issued by the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to P.L.1986, c.103 (C.52:27D-330 et seq.), and which is registered with the Department of Community Affairs as a retirement community pursuant to P.L.1977, c.419 (C.45:22A-21 et seq.).

c. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require any person in a continuing care retirement community to receive an influenza vaccine.

C.52:27D-360.9 Posting of information.

2. The Department of Community Affairs shall require each continuing care retirement community in this State to post the information made available by the Department of Health pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2015, c.115 (C.52:27D-360.8) in a conspicuous public place in the facility no later than August 1 of each year.

C.52:27D-360.10 Rules, regulations.

3. The Commissioner of Health and the Commissioner of Community Affairs, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), may adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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