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HOUSE BILL 925
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/27/15

Short Title: Require Hospitals to Offer Influenza Vaccine.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 20, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AMENDING THE HOSPITAL LICENSURE ACT TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO
3 OFFER INPATIENTS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER IMMUNIZATION
4 AGAINST THE INFLUENZA VIRUS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Article 5 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new section to read:

8 "§ 131E-79.10. Offering influenza vaccine to inpatients aged 65 and older.

9 Annually from October 1 through March 1, and in accordance with the latest
10 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices of the Centers for
11 Disease Control and Prevention, each hospital licensed under this Article shall, prior to
12 discharging a patient 65 years of age or older who has been admitted for inpatient care, offer
13 the patient immunization against the influenza virus if it has been determined that the patient
14 has not already received the immunization, contingent upon availability of the influenza
15 vaccine, and unless the immunization is medically contraindicated."

16 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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