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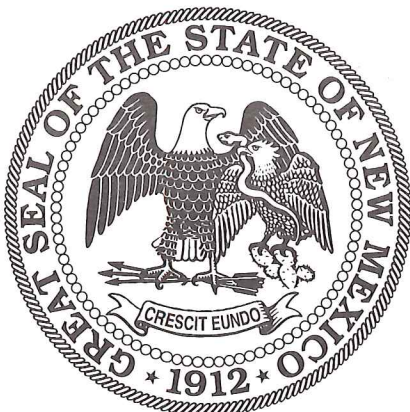
CHAPTER 51

HOUSE BILL 274

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# CHAPTER 51

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:

"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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