

Requires that, beginning October 1, 2012, and each year thereafter, all general hospitals, during the time period from October first through the following March first, offer certain immunizations, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the CDC, to inpatients aged 65 or older prior to discharge, unless contraindicated for a patient and contingent upon the availability of a specific payment in addition to the normal or prevailing level of payment, that is equal to the product cost and the administration costs for the immunization over and above the reimbursement for in-patient care and contingent on the availability of the vaccine.

Lists the following immunizations:

1. Immunizations for influenza.
2. Immunizations for pneumococcal diseases if ordered by the patient's attending physician.

Effective August 1, 2012.

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