

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to provide nursing homes and adult residential care providers with educational information on shingles and pneumonia no later than Sept. 1 of each year and in accordance with the latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

New law requires the educational information to include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- (1) The risks associated with shingles and how to protect oneself against the varicella-zoster virus.
- (2) The risks associated with pneumonia and the availability of the pneumococcal immunization.

New law requires LDH to provide the educational information through the posting of a link to its website where the information can be downloaded by the licensed nursing homes and licensed adult residential care providers.

New law requires the nursing homes and adult residential care providers to disseminate the educational information to their residents.

New law shall not be construed to require any nursing home or adult residential care provider to provide or pay for any immunization against the varicella-zoster virus or pneumonia.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 40:2011 and 2166.9)