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HOUSE BILL NO. 969

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PUBLIC HEALTH: Requires adult residential care providers and nursing homes to disseminate information on shingles and pneumonia immunizations

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2011 and 2166.9, relative to immunizations for adults; to require the
3 Department of Health and Hospitals to provide educational information on shingles
4 and pneumonia; to require nursing homes and adult residential care providers to
5 disseminate educational information on shingles and pneumonia; to establish the
6 minimum content of the information; to provide for interpretations; and to provide
7 for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:2011 and 2166.9 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §2011. Immunization information; shingles; pneumonia

11 A. No later than September first of each year and in accordance with the
12 latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of
13 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and
14 Hospitals shall provide licensed nursing homes with educational information on
15 zoster, also known as shingles. The educational information shall include, at a
16 minimum, the risks associated with shingles and how to protect oneself against the
17 varicella-zoster virus. The licensed nursing homes shall disseminate this information
18 to their residents.

1 B. No later than September first of each year and in accordance with the
2 latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of
3 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and
4 Hospitals shall provide licensed nursing homes with educational information on
5 pneumonia. The educational information shall include, at a minimum, the risks
6 associated with pneumonia and the availability of the pneumococcal immunization.
7 The licensed nursing homes shall disseminate this information to their residents.

8 C. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require any licensed nursing
9 home to provide or pay for any immunization against the varicella-zoster virus or
10 pneumonia.

11 D. The Department of Health and Hospitals shall provide the educational
12 information required by Subsections A and B of this Section through the posting of
13 a link to its website where the information can be downloaded by the licensed
14 nursing homes.

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§2166.9. Immunization information; shingles; pneumonia

17 A. No later than September first of each year and in accordance with the
18 latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of
19 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and
20 Hospitals shall provide licensed adult residential care providers with educational
21 information on zoster, also known as shingles. The educational information shall
22 include, at a minimum, the risks associated with shingles and how to protect oneself
23 against the varicella-zoster virus. The licensed adult residential care providers shall
24 disseminate this information to their residents.

25 B. No later than September first of each year and in accordance with the
26 latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of
27 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and
28 Hospitals shall provide licensed adult residential care providers with educational
29 information on pneumonia. The educational information shall include, at a

1 minimum, the risks associated with pneumonia and the availability of the
2 pneumococcal immunization. The licensed adult residential care providers shall
3 disseminate this information to their residents.

4 C. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require any adult residential
5 care provider to provide or pay for any immunization against the varicella-zoster
6 virus or pneumonia.

7 D. The Department of Health and Hospitals shall provide the educational
8 information required by Subsections A and B of this Section through the posting of
9 a link to its website where the information can be downloaded by the licensed adult
10 residential care providers.

DIGEST

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HB 969 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Requires nursing homes and adult residential care providers to disseminate educational information on shingles and pneumonia.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) 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.

Proposed 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.

Proposed law requires DHH 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.

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

Proposed 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.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Require DHH to provide the educational information to licensed nursing homes and adult residential care providers.
2. Limit the minimum required content of the educational material provided by DHH.
3. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Require DHH to provide the educational information by placing it on the internet where the information can be downloaded.
2. Make technical changes.