

STANDING ORDERS HOSPITALS

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE

Sec. 19a-490k. Vaccinations for hospital patients. Regulations. A hospital may administer influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines to patients, after an assessment for contraindications, without a physician's order in accordance with a physician-approved hospital policy. The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of this section.

(P.A. 04-164, S. 4.)

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Procedures for administration of influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines in accordance with a physician approved hospital medical protocol.

- (a) A hospital may develop a medical protocol for the administration of influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines without written or verbal physician orders providing:
- 1) The medical staff of the hospital develops and adopts a medical protocol that shall be reviewed annually and include but not limited to:
 - A. A specified assessment of each patient that shall be documented in the medical record and shall include contraindications to the vaccinations, dosage, route of administration and site of administration;
 - B. Documentation that the patient was informed of the right to refuse vaccination;
 - C. Recording of the vaccination on the patient discharge instructions or the inter-agency patient referral report; and,
 - D. Provisions for administering the vaccinations in accordance with the current recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, as amended from time to time
- (b) Implementation of medical protocols for influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines shall include
- 1) In-servicing of all licensed staff who shall implement the medical protocol prior to implementation; and
 - 2) Provisions for monitoring and evaluation of the program
- (c) Nothing in these regulations preclude an individual physician from writing an order exempting the physician's patient from the administration of influenza or pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines.