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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing information on the availability of the influenza vaccine in assisted living facilities

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 207 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

3-A. (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE, AT NO COST TO EACH ADULT CARE FACILITY, ADULT HOME, ENRICHED HOUSING PROGRAM, RESIDENCE FOR ADULTS, ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE FORTY-SIX-B OF THIS CHAPTER, IN AN EASILY PRINTABLE FORMAT, INFORMATION ABOUT THE INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR OLDER ADULTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: (1) THE ROLE THE INFLUENZA VACCINE PLAYS IN THE PREVENTION OF INFLUENZA IN OLDER ADULTS; (2) THE HEALTH RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH, AND THE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY RATES AMONG OLDER ADULTS SUFFERING FROM INFLUENZA; (3) THE AVAILABILITY AND EFFICACY OF THE INFLUENZA VACCINE; (4) THE INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS OF INOCULATING OLDER ADULTS LIVING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIVING IN ADULT CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES; (5) INFLUENZA VACCINE PROGRAMS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS PROVIDING INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS TO OLDER ADULTS; AND (6) ENCOURAGEMENT THAT ALL RESIDENTS IN ALL SUCH FACILITIES CONSULT WITH THEIR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF ADEQUATE DOSE OR DOSES OF INFLUENZA VACCINE.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE EACH FACILITY OR ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE STATE TO POST THE INFORMATION IN A CONSPICUOUS PUBLIC PLACE IN THE FACILITIES, BY AUGUST FIRST OF EACH YEAR. THE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES SHALL ALSO BE

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO EACH NEW RESIDENT WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AND WITHOUT COST.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided however, that the commissioner of health is authorized and directed to promulgate any rules or regulations necessary for the timely implementation of this act on or before such date.