

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6052

A RESOLUTION commending hospitals in the state of Kansas for offering, and urging them to continue offering, inpatients, 65 years of age and older, immunization against the influenza virus prior to their discharge.

WHEREAS, Influenza can be life-threatening for people 65 years of age and older, because it has long been recognized that people of this age group are at greater risk for serious complications from the flu, compared with young, healthy adults; and

WHEREAS, It has been estimated that 90% of seasonal flu-related deaths and more than 60% of seasonal flu-related hospitalizations in the United States occur each year in people 65 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, hospitals in the state of Kansas are commended for offering, and urged to continue offering, from October 1 through March 1 of each year, immunization against the influenza virus to inpatients 65 years of age and older, prior to discharge, unless contraindicated for such patients; and

WHEREAS, Nothing in this resolution should be construed to be a mandate upon hospitals to offer this vaccine to elderly patients: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we commend hospitals in the state of Kansas for offering, and urge them to continue offering, inpatients, 65 years of age and older, immunization against the influenza virus prior to their discharge.

House Resolution No. 6052 was sponsored by Representatives John Carmichael and Daniel R. Hawkins.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*