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.

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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.