AN ACT concerning hospitals; relating to vaccination prior to patient discharge.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. Beginning on October 1 of each year and continuing until March 1 of the following year, each hospital, as defined in K.S.A. 65-425(j), and amendments thereto, shall offer to each inpatient 65 years of age or older, prior to such patient's discharge, vaccination against the influenza virus. A hospital shall not be required to offer vaccination under this section if administration of the vaccination is contraindicated for the patient. Vaccination against the influenza virus shall be offered under this section based upon the availability of the influenza vaccine at the time of the offer in accordance with the latest recommendations of the advisory committee on immunization practices of the centers for disease control and prevention.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.