

**ASSEMBLY, No. 946**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**214th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires State to contract with pharmaceutical companies to purchase influenza vaccine for high-risk persons and their care providers.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning availability of the influenza vaccine and  
2 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The Director of the Division of Purchase and Property in  
8 the Department of the Treasury shall contract with one or more  
9 pharmaceutical manufacturers as necessary to purchase, within the  
10 limits of local and State funds made available for the purposes of  
11 this act, supplies of influenza vaccine in an amount that is  
12 determined by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to  
13 be sufficient to ensure the availability of the vaccine for persons  
14 considered to be high priority for allocation of the vaccine.

15 As used in this act:

16 "Influenza vaccine" or "vaccine" means influenza vaccine and  
17 influenza antiviral medications.

18 "Persons considered to be high priority" means persons  
19 determined by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to  
20 be at high risk and those who provide care or services to high-risk  
21 persons, including, but not limited to, senior citizens, infants,  
22 pregnant women, individuals with chronic conditions that put them  
23 at risk, and health care workers providing direct patient care.

24 b. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall  
25 establish such procedures as the commissioner determines  
26 necessary to ensure the most timely and effective distribution of  
27 influenza vaccine supplies purchased pursuant to subsection a. of  
28 this section to health care facilities, municipal and county agencies,  
29 and such other entities identified by the commissioner as will  
30 effectuate the purposes of this act.

31 c. The commissioner, in consultation with the Director of the  
32 Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the  
33 Treasury, shall report at least annually to the Governor, and to the  
34 Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1),  
35 on the purchases of influenza vaccine, including any contract  
36 executed, expenditures incurred and distribution of vaccine supplies  
37 made, pursuant to this act.

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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42 STATEMENT

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44 This bill requires the State to contract with pharmaceutical  
45 companies to ensure the availability of influenza vaccine for the  
46 most vulnerable residents of New Jersey.

47 Specifically, the bill provides as follows:

48 • The Director of the Division of Purchase and Property in the

- 1 Department of the Treasury is to contract with one or more  
2 pharmaceutical manufacturers as necessary to purchase, within  
3 the limits of local and State funds made available for the  
4 purposes of the bill, supplies of influenza vaccine in an amount  
5 that is determined by the Commissioner of Health and Senior  
6 Services to be sufficient to ensure the availability of the vaccine  
7 for persons considered to be high priority for allocation of the  
8 vaccine.
- 9 • As used in the bill, "influenza vaccine" or "vaccine" is defined  
10 to mean influenza vaccine and influenza antiviral medications,  
11 and "persons considered to be high priority" to mean persons  
12 determined by the commissioner to be at high risk and those  
13 who provide care or services to high-risk persons, including, but  
14 not limited to, senior citizens, infants, pregnant women,  
15 individuals with chronic conditions that put them at risk and  
16 health care workers providing direct patient care.
  - 17 • The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services is to establish  
18 such procedures as the commissioner determines necessary to  
19 ensure the most timely and effective distribution of influenza  
20 vaccine supplies purchased pursuant to the bill to health care  
21 facilities, municipal and county agencies, and such other entities  
22 identified by the commissioner as will effectuate the purposes of  
23 the bill.
  - 24 • The commissioner, in consultation with the Director of the  
25 Division of Purchase and Property, is to report at least annually to  
26 the Governor and the Legislature on the purchases of influenza  
27 vaccine, including any contract executed, expenditures incurred  
28 and distribution of vaccine supplies made, pursuant to the bill.