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Bill

House Bill 4581 requires that all health care workers receive an influenza vaccination by October 1st of every year or else they will be suspended from their place of employment.

Your Claim

House Bill 4581 mandating annual influenza vaccinations for healthcare workers should be supported and passed.

Protect the Vulnerable

Health care workers should be required to get the influenza vaccination every year because they have a duty to protect vulnerable and ill patients, which includes the spread of the influenza illness.

Safeguard the Public

Another reason health care workers should be required to get the influenza vaccination every year is to also protect and safeguard their healthcare co-workers in order to keep everyone healthy and providing their contribution to society by attending work in order to care for ill patients.

Lead By Example

Health care workers should be required to get an annual influenza vaccination because more people are likely to voluntarily get the influenza vaccination if they see getting the vaccination as a common and minimal procedure that medical professionals get on an annual basis.

Summary Statement / What is the Impact?

The benefits of health care workers getting mandated influenza vaccinations greatly outweighs the risks. This change in West Virginia’s Legislature policy should be made. House Bill 4581 mandating annual influenza vaccinations for healthcare workers should be passed in order to safeguard the public, health care workers, and convince the public that the influenza vaccination is a minimal and common procedure that will benefit society.