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XI. Research Articles

Assessing State Immunization Requirements for Healthcare Workers and Patients (Lindley, Horlick, Shefer, Shaw, Gorji) *Am J Prev Med* 2007;32 (6)

Significant state-to-state variation exists in laws for vaccination of health care workers and patients. Additional data are needed on how such vaccination requirements affect coverage in these populations. Model legislation may be helpful to states wishing to implement immunization requirements.

Vaccinating healthcare workers against influenza to protect the vulnerable –Is it a good use of healthcare resources? A systematic review of the evidence and an economic evaluation

(Burls, Jordan, Barton, Olowokure, Wake, Albon, Hawker) *Vaccine* 24 (2006) 4212-4221

Influenza causes substantial mortality in high-risk groups despite targeted vaccination programs. In a review of 18 studies, evidence suggests that vaccination of health care workers is likely to be cost saving, or at very least, highly cost-effective.

Requiring Influenza Vaccination for Health Care Workers: Seven Truths we must Accept

(Poland, Tosh, Jacobson) *Vaccine* 23 (25) 2251-2255

Seven primary truths supporting the call for requiring influenza immunization of all health care workers. Clear-cut safety, efficacy, economic, legal, and ethical platforms support the use of influenza vaccine.