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INFORMED CONSENT FOR ANNUAL INFLUENZA (FLU) VACCINATION

It is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that people 65 years of age and older receive an influenza vaccination annually. Ridgeland Nursing Center offers an inactivated (killed) Influenza Vaccine, given as an injection in the arm. Influenza season is October 1st-March 31st in our region. Influenza vaccinations will be offered when available to the facility. Influenza viruses are constantly changing. Therefore, vaccinations are updated every year, and an annual vaccination is recommended. For most people, the influenza vaccine prevents serious illness caused by the influenza virus. It will not prevent "influenza-like" illnesses caused by other viruses. It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after the injection is administered and protection can last up to a year. Inactivated influenza vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines, including pneumococcal vaccine. The viruses in inactivated influenza vaccine have been killed, so you cannot get influenza from the vaccine. Common side effects of the vaccine may include soreness, redness or swelling at the injection site, fever, aches and chills. If these problems occur, they usually begin soon after injection and last 1-2 days. Life threatening allergic reactions from vaccine are very rare, but could include severe allergic reaction, serious harm or death. Life threatening allergic reactions occur in a few minutes to a few hours after injection and do require medical intervention. Persons allergic to eggs, chicken, or chicken dander should not receive the influenza vaccine.

Resident Name _____ MR# _____

_____ I consent for the Influenza (Flu) Vaccine Last Influenza (Flu)Vaccine _____

_____ I decline the Influenza (Flu) Vaccine