

Executive Order 2005-31

To Spend Money from the Health Crisis Fund On Pneumococcal Vaccine Promotion for Pandemic Preparedness

WHEREAS, complications from influenza cause serious illness and fatalities in Arizona every year; and

WHEREAS, there is growing evidence that an influenza pandemic may occur which would cause a significant public health threat in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, infections with bacterial pneumonia are the main cause of severe illnesses and deaths associated with influenza; and

WHEREAS, pneumococcal vaccines can significantly reduce secondary infections and reduce illness and death from influenza; and

WHEREAS, implementing a campaign to increase the number of Arizonans that are immunized with pneumococcal vaccines in advance of a pandemic will save lives during normal influenza seasons as well as prepare for an influenza pandemic; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances are neither a contingency nor an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192 because they require neither state-municipal resource coordination nor Department of Emergency and Military Affairs assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, declare a significant potential for a health crisis in the State, and hereby order as follows:

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be transferred from the Health Crisis Fund to the Department of Health Services to increase the number of Arizonans that are immunized with pneumococcal vaccines.
2. The Department of Health Services shall expend all moneys transferred pursuant to this Order on measures to increase the number of Arizonans that are immunized with pneumococcal vaccines and shall report to the Legislature and the Governor by December 31, 2006 on the expenditure of all sums so transferred.

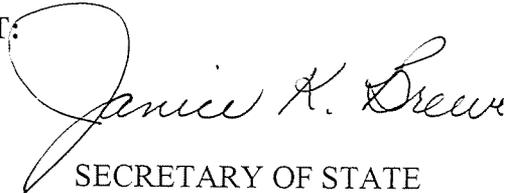


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 15 day of November in the year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE