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## **COMPTROLLER KEVIN LEMBO**

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### ***COMPTROLLER LEMBO RECEIVES SEASONAL FLU SHOT; URGES MEN STATEWIDE TO GET THE SHOT***

Comptroller Kevin Lembo today received his seasonal influenza immunization at Suburban Pharmacy in West Hartford, following action by his office that enables all state employees to obtain the shot at local pharmacies that offer them, potentially saving about 30 percent on costs to the state plan.

Lembo urges everyone to get a flu shot, particularly men who tend to have lower utilization rates for the influenza immunization and other preventative health care.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that, from August 2010 through May 2011, fewer male adults ages 18-64 received their influenza immunization.

“Men need to follow the lead of health-wise women nationwide and get their shots now to stay protected from the flu,” Lembo said. “This Halloween, the only thing scary about a flu shot is not getting one.”

Until this season, Lembo said state employees could receive coverage for flu shots administered at a doctor’s office, on-site flu clinics at workplaces or a CVS Pharmacy MinuteClinic. Beginning this year, employees can now receive them at local pharmacies prepared to offer them.

This option provides an opportunity for tens of thousands of state employees to support local pharmacies, get the shots at a more convenient time and location for them, while potentially saving the state 30 percent of what it would cost to pay for flu shots obtained through a doctor’s office.

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