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Each facility shall arrange for immunization for pneumococcal disease. If immunization is lacking and the resident's physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner recommends immunization, the nursing facility shall arrange for an immunization for pneumococcal pneumonia within 14 days of admission. A pneumococcal vaccination may be waived for a resident because of religious beliefs, medical contraindication, or refusal by the resident. Documentation of the vaccination or its waiver shall be recorded in the resident's medical record.