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House Bill 1481 (Delegate McMillan, *et al.*)
Health and Government Operations

Public Health - Immunizations of Adolescents - Recommendations

This bill requires the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations to develop and make available to each primary care provider (1) a notice regarding the recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) related to immunizations of adolescents and (2) guidance for making a strong recommendation that the adolescent receive all recommended immunizations for which the adolescent is eligible. During each nonemergent medical encounter with an adolescent, each primary care provider must assess eligibility for and strongly recommend that the adolescent receive all CDC-recommended immunizations for which the adolescent is eligible. If the parent or guardian declines such immunizations, the primary care provider must document the declination in the adolescent's medical record.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The commission can develop and make available to each primary care provider the required notice and guidance within existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: Potential operational impact on local health departments that serve adolescents. Revenues are not directly affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal operational impact on small business primary health care providers that serve adolescents.

Analysis

Current Law: The Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations determines where vaccine shortages exist in Maryland and which vaccines are in short supply. The commission also makes recommendations on immunization requirements for children entering school; the elimination of any disparities in vaccine distribution; options for the purchasing of vaccines; and plans to increase the availability and affordability of adult, adolescent, and childhood vaccines in the State

Background: According to CDC, four vaccines are recommended for preteens: (1) meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY); (2) human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine; (3) tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine; and (4) flu vaccine. According to CDC's [*2017 Recommended Immunizations for Children 7-18 Years Old*](#), all preteens and teens should receive a flu vaccine every year. Preteens and teens should receive one shot of Tdap at age 11 or 12. All 11- to 12-year-olds should get a two-shot series of HPV vaccine at least six months apart. A three-shot series is needed for those with weakened immune systems or individuals age 15 and older. All 11- to 12-year-olds should get a single shot of quadrivalent MenACWY. A booster shot is recommended at age 16. Teens ages 16 to 18 *may* be vaccinated with a MenB meningococcal vaccine. Other vaccines should be given if a child is catching up on missed vaccine. Additional vaccines may be recommended for individuals with certain health or lifestyle conditions that put them at increased risk for serious diseases.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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