

Dear Delegates,

I urge you to OPPOSE bill HB1040, which would allow pharmacists vaccinate children as young as 3, without a script from a physician. Children should see a pediatrician for shots!

Children have a complicated immunization schedule that requires a trained professional (pediatrician) to assess appropriateness and readiness. The CDC recommended schedule is just a recommendation. Child's pediatrician needs to perform an assessment every time before vaccination.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>

The best health outcomes for children occur when the full doctor, parent, patient relationship is respected. None of these can be removed!

Thank you so much for your work!

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