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HGO Chair, Vice Chair and Delegates,

I am Emily Tarsell and I represent Health Choice Maryland. It seems reasonable to authorize EMS to give Covid 19 vaccinations as a way to increase the number of providers in an emergency environment. It would be important to inform consumers that Covid 19 vaccines and testing methods are experimental and according to Federal regulations they have “the option to accept or refuse administration of the product...”

[21 USCS § 360bbb-3](#)

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The duration of the authorization to vaccinate for Covid 19 should also expire within 6 months of the end of the pandemic.

We do, however, have concerns about the broad expansion of vaccinations that EMS would be authorized to give in any environment, emergency or not. Vaccines are major medical interventions that can have serious outcomes. The Institute of Medicine (IOM) has stated that “vaccines are unavoidably unsafe.” I experienced a personal loss when my sweet 21 yo daughter died from her HPV vaccinations and yes, the government conceded that she died from Gardasil.

Whether or not to accept a vaccine is a decision to be made between the patient and their doctor, and EMS providers are not doctors. Vaccinations are given in times of wellness, not when one is sick or in crisis. That is particularly true of the HPV vaccines, Gardasil or Gardasil 9. HPVs are very slow growing and clear on their own 95% of the time. There will never be a medical emergency which would indicate an urgent need for HPV vaccination. Furthermore, HPV vaccines were not tested for interaction with other vaccines when given concurrently. Aside from Covid 19 vaccines, we see no need to authorize EMS to give HPV vaccines or indeed any other vaccine not already authorized.

We urge that the bill be amended to limit expansion of EMS authorizations to administering Covid vaccinations only. Thank you.

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