

SB0372: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines

UNFAVORABLE

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Dear Madam Chair, Madam Vice Chair and Senate Finance Committee:

I ask you to oppose SB 372 that would allow pharmacists to administer vaccines to elementary age children.

The primary care physician's office is the optimal care setting for delivery of any medical treatment.

The bill should include language to require a **parent or legal guardian** to be present for any immunization.

My cousin's child went into anaphylactic shock after receiving the Covid vaccine in a Walgreens. Her mother was happy to be there when her daughter hit the floor. A **caregiver** or babysitter, who accompanies the child, is not always equipped to handle an emergency situation or advocate for the child's medical needs.

Thank you.

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