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We understand the need for vaccinations to be available across many health care locations to increase access to care and vaccination rates. However we are concerned with the minimum age requirement and the required reporting documentation to IMMUNET. We suggest amending the age to 5 years, allowance for influenza and emergency vaccination only, and requiring all vaccinations including influenza vaccination be entered into IMMUNET.

We do not want to miss opportunities to see patients for vaccinations at their annual child visits under 5 years of age as significant developmental surveillance is completed. In addition to immunizations, providers routinely perform preventive screening, routine exam updates, counseling and anticipatory guidance. We also address vaccination questions and hesitancy. By shifting routine

**Oppose unless amended: SB 372 Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines**

2/24/2023

Maryland Senate  
Finance Committee  
3 East  
Miller Office Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) and fellow pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Chesapeake Chapter, I am writing to express our opposition of **SB 372 Health Occupations-Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines unless amended.**

Sincerely,

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