

SB372

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Position: Oppose

I am a Maryland resident from Harford county and I strongly oppose this bill.

The CDC has posted a notice which describes:

“Who Should NOT Get Vaccinated with these Vaccines?

Because of age, health conditions, or other factors, some people should not get certain vaccines or should wait before getting them. Read the guidelines below for each vaccine.”

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/should-not-vacc.html>

Many of the vaccines on the childhood vaccine schedule include contraindications, as described in the above mentioned notice, such as (although not limited to):

- severe, life-threatening allergies.
- is a child or adolescent 2 through 17 years of age who is receiving aspirin or aspirin containing products.
- Has a weakened immune system, or has a parent, brother, or sister with a history of hereditary or congenital immune system problems.
- Has gotten any other vaccines in the past 4 weeks.

Clearly, only the child’s doctor and child’s parent/s would be the only parties, together, who are able to determine the appropriateness of administering a pharmaceutical product, considering health history and contraindications.

A pharmacist has neither the education nor the qualifications to assess the child’s risk for health or death, and no amount of training could qualify him or her to determine this. The 20 hours of training detailed in this bill is simply preposterous!