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The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: House Bill 1315 – Vaccinations by Pharmacists and Health Insurance Coverage for Immunizations - Letter of Support as Amended

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee members:

The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) respectfully submits this letter of support as amended for House Bill (HB) 1315 – Vaccinations by Pharmacists and Health Insurance Coverage for Immunizations, as amended.

Traditionally, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meets three times per year to review data and vote on vaccine recommendations. The child and adolescent immunization schedule is then updated, and the ACIP seeks approval from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and several national healthcare provider organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Upon approval, the updated schedule is published annually on the CDC immunization schedule website.¹

The Department supports HB 1315, as amended, as it seeks to ensure that childhood immunization services continue to be covered by health insurers.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Ryan Moran, DrPH, MHSA
Acting Secretary

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules>

