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Testimony in Support of House Bill 1315 – Health Insurance – Coverage for Child

Wellness Services – Immunizations

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Good afternoon Madam Chair, and members of the Senate Finance Committee. For the record, I'm Delegate Pam Guzzone and I represent Howard County's District 13. Today I am here to present House Bill 1315, regarding childhood immunization.

As with several other health related bills put forward this year, this bill is designed to ensure that Maryland has, in law, the ability to continue to provide as part of its minimum package of child wellness services all the childhood immunizations which to date have been recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Protection.

Data shows that vaccines are effective and safe for children, in fact, they represent one of the most significant public health successes in medical history. They have dramatically reduced the consequences of diseases that once devastated pediatric populations, such as measles and polio. Bottom line, vaccinations have saved children from serious illness, hospitalization and long-term, negative effects of disease.

This, combined with the number of changes that we are seeing at the Federal level and the challenges to the CDC that have been in the media over the last several years, make it vital that we identify an approach to ensure the currently established immunization recommendations are maintained in Maryland.

This bill, as amended and passed in the House, locks in the recommended vaccinations of the CDC's Advisory Committee's as of December 31, 2024, OR, "at a later date to account for any new vaccines recommended by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices." The bill language is designed to ensure Maryland continues to cover proven vaccines as part of its child wellness services.

Given the uncertainty and with an outbreak of Measles currently taking place in the Country, it seems both prudent and imperative that we maintain high levels of childhood immunization in the State.

I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 1315. Thank you.