

HB1313: Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics - Vaccination Administration

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

Our organization can see the need for this bill for emergency vaccines like the Coronavirus vaccine, in the time of a pandemic. However, this bill seems highly inappropriate for something like the HPV, or Gardasil vaccine, which requires an assessment of appropriateness. This bill would mean women skip a full assessment and physical with their physician that includes a PAP smear, the gold standard in cervical cancer screening.

The bill as written includes the following vaccines:

From the Fiscal Note: CDC's Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 19 or older, United States, 2020 includes vaccinations for haemophilus influenza type B; hepatitis A; hepatitis B; human papillomavirus; influenza; measles, mumps, and rubella; meningococcal; pneumococcal; tetanus and diphtheria; varicella; and zoster.

We respectfully ask that the bill be amended to only add the Coronavirus vaccine to the list that Paramedics can provide, or add language to be able to give a certain vaccine in a time of pandemic or emergency.

Thank You,
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