
STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH, A YEAR IN REVIEW

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MCH ISSUES FOR TODAY

- Preventive Care Access and Telehealth
- Children's Immunization
- Children's Oral Health
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MCH: ACCESS TO PREVENTIVE CARE AND TELEHEALTH

Telehealth

- [Illinois House Bill 2895](#) (Enacted August 2019)
Allows birthing facilities to use telemedicine for consultations with pregnant and postpartum women with an obstetric provider to provide input on management and follow-up care.
- [Illinois Senate Bill 1864](#) (Enacted July 2020)
Authorizes the department of health to take action to address the COVID-19 public health emergency, including paying for telehealth services for children and pregnant women.
- [Tennessee House Bill 2821](#) (Enacted April 2020)
Directs the commissioner of health to pursue various strategies to expand access to primary, obstetric and dental health services.

Access to Preventive Care

- [Washington D.C. Bills 202 & 416](#) (Enacted June 2020)
These bills respectively provide for the licensure and regulation of certified professional midwives and provide coverage for newborn screenings.
- [Oklahoma Senate Bill 1823](#) (Enacted May 2020)
Provides for the licensure of midwives and creates the Advisory Committee on Midwifery.



CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION: ROUTINE VACCINATION AND COVID-19

Routine Childhood Vaccination

- [Colorado Senate Bill 163](#) (Enacted June 2020)
Creates a standardized form for exemption from school vaccination requirements.
- [West Virginia Senate Bill 544](#) (Enacted March 2020)
Authorizes pharmacists to administer vaccines to minors in accordance with the state law and CDC's latest definitive treatment guidelines.
- [Wisconsin Assembly Bill 137](#) (Enacted November 2019)
Provides that a pharmacist can administer a vaccine without a prescription to a person under the age of 6, as long as they meet requirements established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
- [Vermont House Bill 524](#) (Enacted June 2019)
Clarifies that approved vaccines for children must be covered with no cost sharing, in accordance with the Affordable Care Act.

COVID-19

- [New Hampshire House Bill 1639](#) (Enacted July 2020)
Authorizes pharmacists to administer a COVID-19 vaccine.
- [Maryland House Bill 1663](#) (Enacted March 2020)
Authorizes emergency powers for the Governor for the duration of the emergency declaration, includes requiring private plans and the Medicaid program to cover the cost of a future COVID-19 vaccine.



CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION: PHARMACIST VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

- Federal action to authorize pharmacists to administer vaccines.
- Regarding state law on pharmacist vaccination, HHS applied its previous [opinion](#), issued in May.
- The amendment to the PREP Act preempts state law.

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HHS Expands Access to Childhood Vaccines during COVID-19 Pandemic

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [issued a third amendment - PDF*](#) to the Declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) to increase access to lifesaving childhood vaccines and decrease the risk of vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks as children across the United States return to daycare, preschool and school.

"Today's action means easier access to lifesaving vaccines for our children, as we seek to ensure immunization rates remain high during the COVID-19 pandemic," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "The Trump Administration has worked to allow pharmacists—alongside all of America's heroic healthcare workers—to practice at the top of their license, empowering the public with more options to protect their health and well-being."



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CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH

- [Iowa House Bill 2267](#) (Enacted March 2020)
Expands the scope of practice of dental hygienists to authorize them to place dental sealants through a state training and accreditation program.
- [Nebraska LD 312](#) (Enacted August 2020)
Authorizes dental hygienists to provide services in a public health setting, such as schools and other community health care facilities.
- [Maine Legislative Document 1399](#) (Enacted June 2019)
Adds a dental coordinator to its Medicaid Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program.



THANK YOU!

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Resources:

[NCSL Maternal and Child Health Database](#)

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