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Re: Report required by Health-General Article §18-214(m) the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations Annual Report (MSAR #14217)

Dear Governor Moore, Chair Feldman, and Vice Chair Cullison:

In accordance with Health-General Article §18-214(m), the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations (the Commission) submits this annual report on its findings and recommendations for Calendar Year (CY) 2025. The Commission is charged with: (1) determining where community vaccine shortages exist, (2) developing recommendations for equitable distribution of vaccines, (3) offering recommendations to increase immunization rates, and (4) studying and making recommendations about other vaccine-related issues.

In CY 2025, the Commission's primary focus has been ensuring vaccine equity while the commercialization of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines was underway. Commercialization caused prices to increase and left uninsured and underinsured children and adults with new barriers to accessing the vaccine.

Highlights from 2025

Dr. Monique Soileau-Burke continues to be the Chair of the Commission for the fourth year. At the time of publication of this report, the Commission held three public meetings in CY 2025: March 4, September 24, and December 17.

The first meeting of the year included a presentation from guest speaker Jim Campbell, MD, MS, Vice Chair of the Committee on Infectious Diseases, also known as the "Red

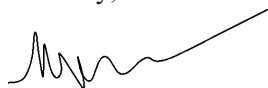
Book Committee,” of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Dr. Campbell discussed the uncertainty created by the postponement of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) February 2025 meeting and of the appointment of its new members. He also informed Commission members that the AAP is strengthening its library resources to supplement federal resources, or function independently of those resources.

The Commission continues to strongly support mandated vaccines for school-aged children, and adherence to vaccine recommendations across the lifespan. The Commission also continues to discuss how to leverage its standing to impact community education on vaccines, and vaccine uptake. Vaccine scarcity and the increasing provider costs associated with stocking vaccines such as COVID-19, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and 20- valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV20) remain a concern. The Commission is committed to its role in increasing equity and accessibility to these important vaccines.

Maryland’s vaccine landscape saw notable changes over CY 2025. During the 2025 legislative session, House Bill (HB) 1315 (2025) - Vaccinations by Pharmacists and Health Insurance Coverage for Immunizations and HB 974 (2025) - Health Insurance - Preventive Services - High Deductible Health Plans and Enforcement Authority were passed, ensuring coverage of CDC-recommended vaccines and enforcement of preventive service laws, effective June 1, 2025. In September 2025, Maryland announced its participation in the Northeast Public Health Collaborative, which is aimed at protecting vaccine access and advancing other health initiatives. Still, the Commission noted gaps in pediatric vaccine access, budget cuts affecting school clinics, and the conclusion of the collaboration between the Maryland Partnership for Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health. It emphasized the need for public awareness campaigns and a centralized resource for school immunization offerings.

This letter serves as the Commission’s annual report for CY 2025. If you have any questions, please contact the Commission staff person, Elizabeth Edwards at mdh.immunizationcommission@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



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