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Standing Recommendation Regarding Children's Vaccine Schedules

In my role as chief medical executive for the State of Michigan, I, Natasha Bagdasarian, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA, issue the following standing recommendation under MCL 333.26369:

> As of December 18, 2025, health care providers in Michigan should refer to the children's vaccine schedules produced by the American Academy of Pediatrics or the American Academy of Family Physicians, when determining which vaccines their patients should receive and the timing for their administration.

This recommendation should not supersede clinical judgement in decision making with individual patients.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) was established in 1964 to guide federal vaccine recommendations. While Michigan has previously looked to ACIP's recommendations, ACIP is an advisory body that Michigan is not bound to follow.

In consultation with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Division of Immunizations, I have reviewed current vaccine schedule recommendations produced by the American Academy of Pediatrics (American Academy of Pediatrics 2025 Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for Ages 18 Years or Younger) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (American Academy of Family Physicians, 2025 Birth Through Age 18 Immunization Schedule), and find them to be well-evidenced and based on rigorous review. Employing these schedules will contribute to the advancement of the health of Michigan's residents and prevent severe, potentially fatal, negative outcomes. I encourage health care providers, health care systems, and health care payers to limit barriers to vaccine access where possible.

This standing recommendation remains in effect until rescinded.

SIGNATURE:

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Chief Medical Executive

December 18, 2025
Date Signed/Effective