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Re: HB424, VACCINES/VACCINATION: Provides relative to administration of immunizations and vaccines by pharmacists and other licensees of the La. Board of Pharmacy

Members of the Louisiana House Health and Welfare Committee :

As you consider HB424, which allows pharmacists to administer flu vaccinations to children as young as three, please be aware that Section 5 of every vaccine insert specifies **Warnings and Precautions**. Every insert has a warning or precaution regarding the necessity of having appropriate medical treatment available during administration and/or the importance of knowing the patient's medical, family, and/or immunization history. I will link several vaccine insert excerpts below.

Sanofi Pasteur ® 450/477 Fluzone Quadrivalent

5.2 Preventing and Managing Allergic Reactions

Appropriate medical treatment and supervision must be available to manage possible anaphylactic reactions following administration of Fluzone Quadrivalent.

[fda.gov/media/119856/download](https://www.fda.gov/media/119856/download)

FluMist® Quadrivalent (Influenza Vaccine Live, Intranasal) Intranasal Spray

5.6 Management of Acute Allergic Reactions

Appropriate medical treatment and supervision must be available to manage possible anaphylactic reactions following administration of the vaccine [see Contraindications (4.1)].

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FLUARIX QUADRIVALENT (Influenza Vaccine) injectable suspension

5.2 Syncope

Syncope (fainting) can occur in association with administration of injectable vaccines, including FLUARIX QUADRIVALENT. Syncope can be accompanied by transient neurological signs such as visual disturbance, paresthesia, and tonic-clonic limb movements. Procedures should be in place to avoid falling injury and to restore cerebral perfusion following syncope.

5.3 Preventing and Managing Allergic Vaccine Reactions

Prior to administration, the healthcare provider should review the immunization history for possible vaccine sensitivity and previous vaccination-related adverse reactions. Appropriate medical treatment and

supervision must be available to manage possible anaphylactic reactions following administration of FLUARIX QUADRIVALENT.

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FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT (Influenza Vaccine)

5.2 Preventing and Managing Allergic Reactions

Appropriate medical treatment and supervision must be available to manage possible anaphylactic reactions following administration of the vaccine.

5.3 Syncope

Syncope (fainting) can occur in association with administration of injectable vaccines, including FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT. Syncope can be accompanied by transient neurological signs such as visual disturbance, paresthesia, and tonic-clonic limb movements. Procedures should be in place to avoid falling injury and to restore cerebral perfusion following syncope by maintaining a supine or Trendelenburg position. labeling.seqirus.com/PI/US/Flucelvax/EN/Flucelvax-Prescribing-Information.pdf

FLULAVAL QUADRIVALENT (Influenza Vaccine) injectable suspension

5.2 Syncope

Syncope (fainting) can occur in association with administration of injectable vaccines, including FLULAVAL QUADRIVALENT. Syncope can be accompanied by transient neurological signs such as visual disturbance, paresthesia, and tonic-clonic limb movements. Procedures should be in place to avoid falling injury and to restore cerebral perfusion following syncope.

5.3 Preventing and Managing Allergic Vaccine Reactions

Prior to administration, the healthcare provider should review the immunization history for possible vaccine sensitivity and previous vaccination-related adverse reactions. Appropriate medical treatment and supervision must be available to manage possible anaphylactic reactions following administration of FLULAVAL QUADRIVALENT.

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A full list of vaccine inserts can be found here: vaccinesafety.edu/package_inserts.htm

In addition, Section 4 of every insert cautions about contraindications, most stating:

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Do not administer FLULAVAL QUADRIVALENT to anyone with a history of severe allergic reactions (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the vaccine, including egg protein, or following a previous dose of any influenza vaccine [see Description (11)].

gskpro.com/content/dam/global/hcpportal/en_US/Prescribing_Information/Flulaval_Quadrivalent/pdf/FLULAVAL-QUADRIVALENT.PDF

I bring this to your attention as you prepare for a committee hearing on HB424, which provides for the administration of vaccines by pharmacists to children as young as three. This bill undermines the fundamentals of medical care. Pharmacists don't have the necessary medical history of a child, or the time or knowledge to adequately prescreen for contraindications or allergic reactions. Pharmacists don't have access to the child's medical chart which would include the child's personal and family history and any unique health circumstances. For example, if they have a history of seizures, if they have a parent, brother, or sister with a history of seizures, or if they have a

parent, brother, or sister with a history of immune system problems, those are all contraindications to some vaccines.

Most pharmacies and grocery stores do not have lifesaving defibrillators like they do in doctors' offices to save the lives of children who have an immediate life-threatening reaction to vaccines like anaphylaxis. Pharmacists do not have the equipment or training to be able to tell the difference between cardiac arrest, anaphylaxis, and fainting in order to act accordingly and save the lives of children who react at the time of vaccination.

HB424 trivializes very real vaccine risks and serious reactions by moving vaccination for small children from doctors' offices to the corner drug store or grocery store pharmacy.

Pharmacy schools provide very limited vaccine education. Eighty accredited U.S. pharmacy schools responded to a survey and the mean "contact hours" dedicated to vaccination in the curriculum was only 8.4 hours! With children receiving 73 doses of 16 different vaccines and 57 unique vaccines on the market, 8.4 hours is not nearly enough education to responsibly administer them!

aipe.org/content/83/5/6765, cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html,
cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/vaccines-list.html

For these reasons and many more, I urge you to oppose Representative Turner's bill which removes some basic standards of medical care and does not consider the very real risks associated with vaccination.

Thank you for your consideration,
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