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State and National Vaccine Policy and Advocacy

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Learning Objectives



Discuss state and national level vaccine policy and advocacy initiatives.

Identify issues impacting vaccine policy and advocacy in Illinois.

Recognize the impact that vaccine policy and advocacy has on practice and health outcomes.

Describe strategies clinical staff can implement to contribute to vaccine advocacy efforts.

Presentation

Areas of Impact

- ▶ School/daycare immunization requirements
- ▶ Reimbursements
- ▶ Immunization registries/reporting



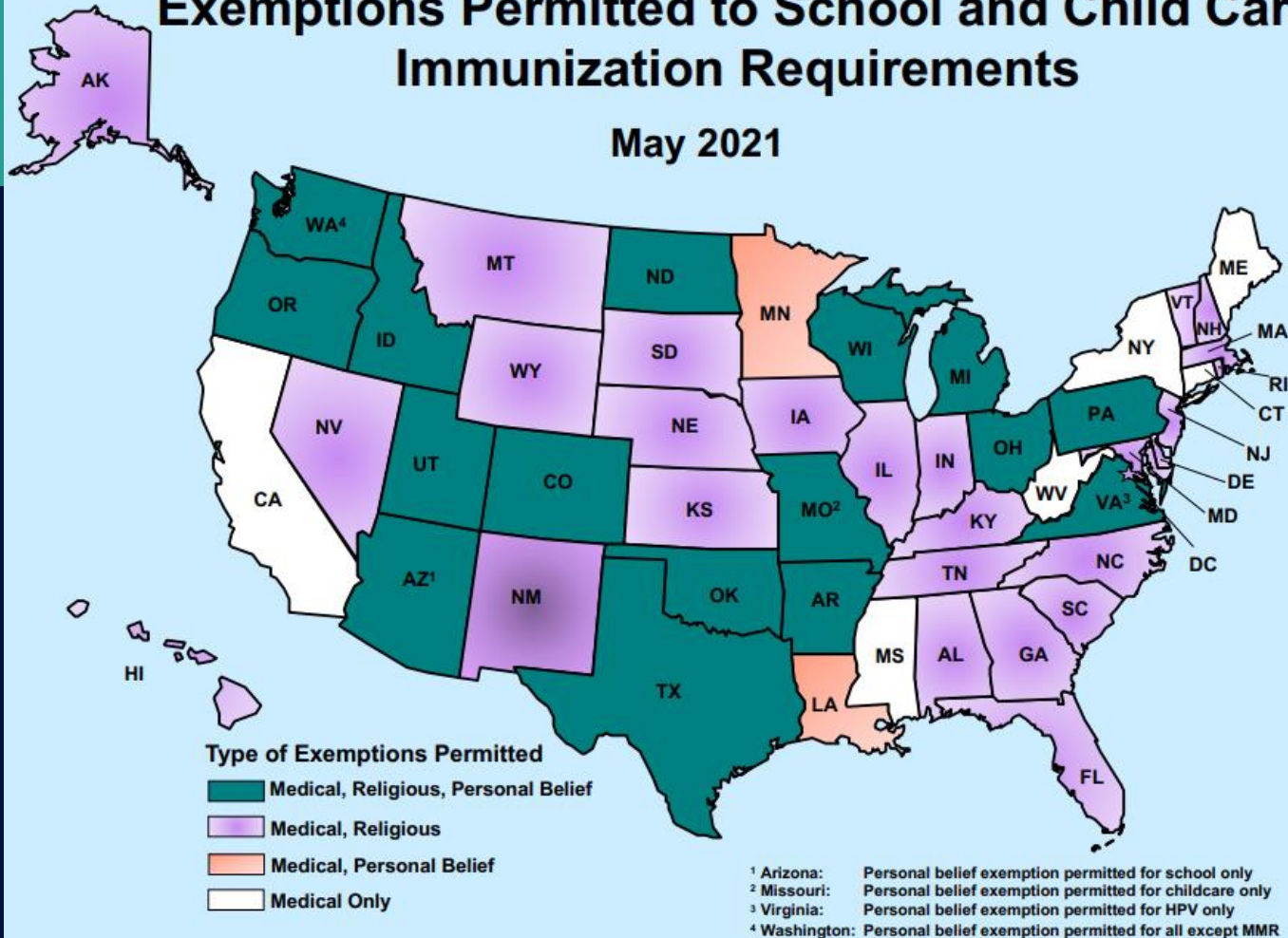
State Vaccination Requirements



- ▶ State laws establish vaccination requirements for school children.
- ▶ These laws often apply to public schools, private schools and day care facilities.
- ▶ All states provide medical exemptions, and some state offer exemptions for religious and/or philosophical reasons.
- ▶ Requirements are tools for maintaining high vaccination coverage rates.
- ▶ State laws also establish mechanisms for enforcement.
- ▶ Different documentation, signatures, etc. depending on the state.

Exemptions Permitted to School and Child Care Immunization Requirements

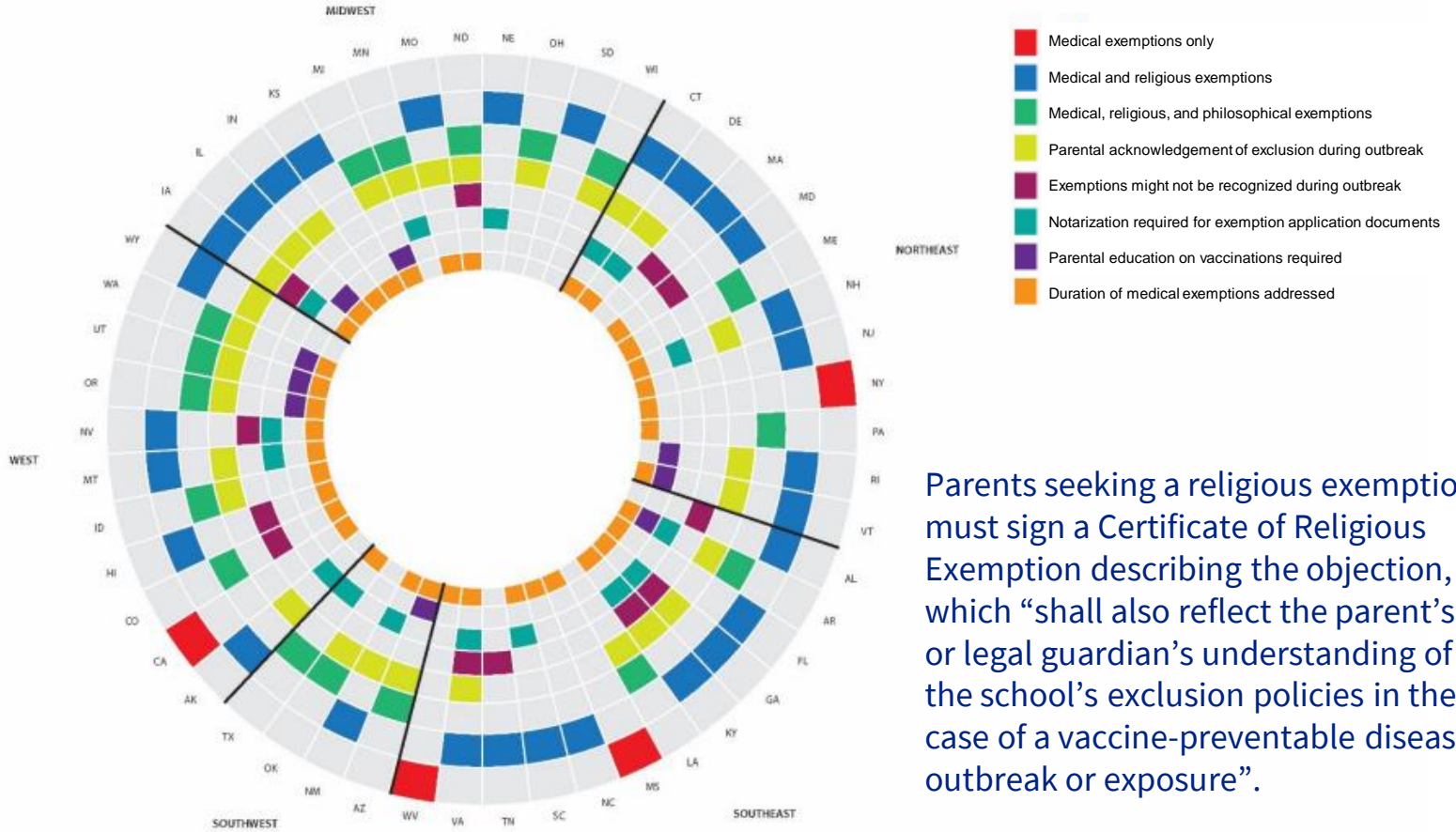
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IL Vaccination Requirements



- ▶ Medical and religious exemptions.
- ▶ 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/27-8.1; Ill. Adm. Code tit. 77, § 665.240; Ill. Adm. Code tit. 77, § 665.510; Ill. Adm. Code tit. 77, § 665.520; Ill. Adm. Code tit. 77, § Adm. Code 698.50.



Parents seeking a religious exemption must sign a Certificate of Religious Exemption describing the objection, which “shall also reflect the parent’s or legal guardian’s understanding of the school’s exclusion policies in the case of a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak or exposure”.

IL Vaccination Requirements

- ▶ ___ accepted by the state as proof of immunization.
- ▶ Specific form required for a religious exemptions.
- ▶ A parental signature is required for a religious exemption.
- ▶ BOTH exemptions require a medical practitioner's signature.
- ▶ Provider must specify a condition or other medical reason that prevents the student from being vaccinated for a medical exemption.
- ▶ No additional documentation required for either exemption.



Vaccines Required for Entry into Kindergarten and Later Grades (K-12) (2019)

State	Which of the following vaccines are required for children to enroll in kindergarten?							Which of the following vaccines are required for the first time for children to enter grades other than kindergarten?		
	DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	Polio	Varicella	Hep A	Hep B	Other	Meningitis	HPV	Other
Alabama	X	X	X	X						
Alaska	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Arizona	X	X	X	X		X		X		
Arkansas	X	X	X	X	X	X				
California	X	X	X	X		X				
Colorado	X	X	X	X		X				
Connecticut	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Delaware	X	X	X	X		X		X		
Florida	X	X	X	X		X				
Georgia	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Hawaii	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Idaho	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Illinois	X	X	X	X				X		X ¹
Indiana	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Iowa	X	X ²	X	X		X		X		
Kansas	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Kentucky	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Louisiana	X	X	X	X				X		
Maine	X	X	X	X				X		
Maryland	X	X	X	X		X		X		
Massachusetts	X	X	X	X		X				
Michigan	X	X	X	X		X		X		



- ▶ The AAP views nonmedical exemptions to school-required immunizations as inappropriate for individual, public health, and ethical reasons and advocates for their elimination.
 - ▶ Higher rates of immunization exemptions in communities correlate with higher rates of vaccine-preventable illnesses and disease outbreaks, such as pertussis and measles.
- ▶ Personal Belief Exemptions for Vaccination Put People at Risk. Examine the Evidence for Yourself.

Three Branches

Executive (Policy)

- Governor, state agencies etc.

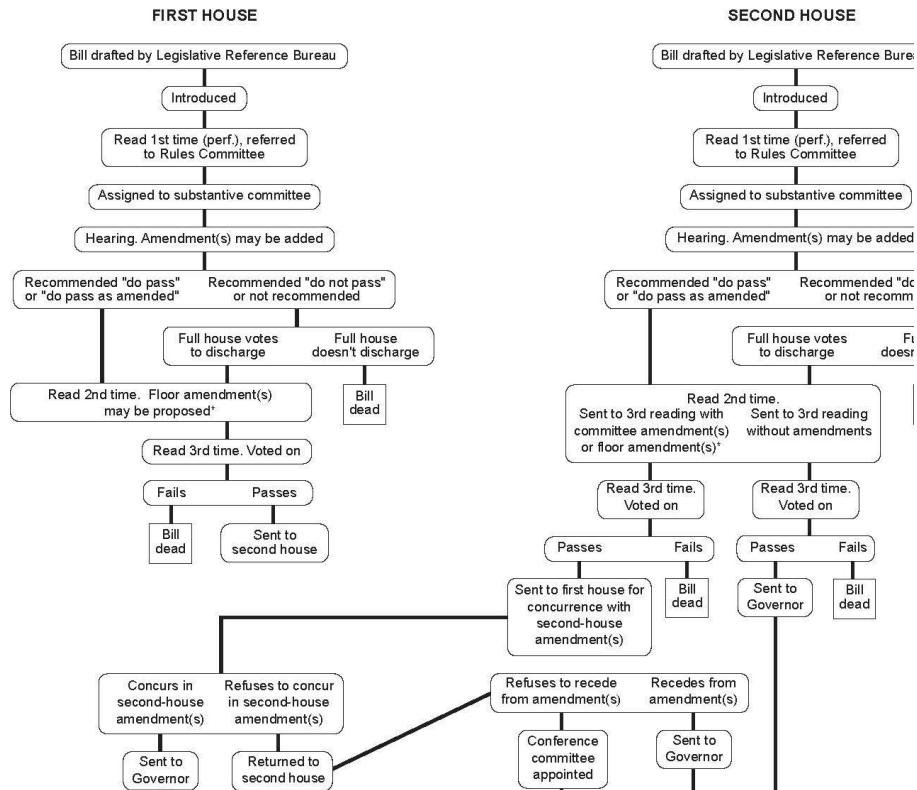
Judicial

- Amicus Briefs

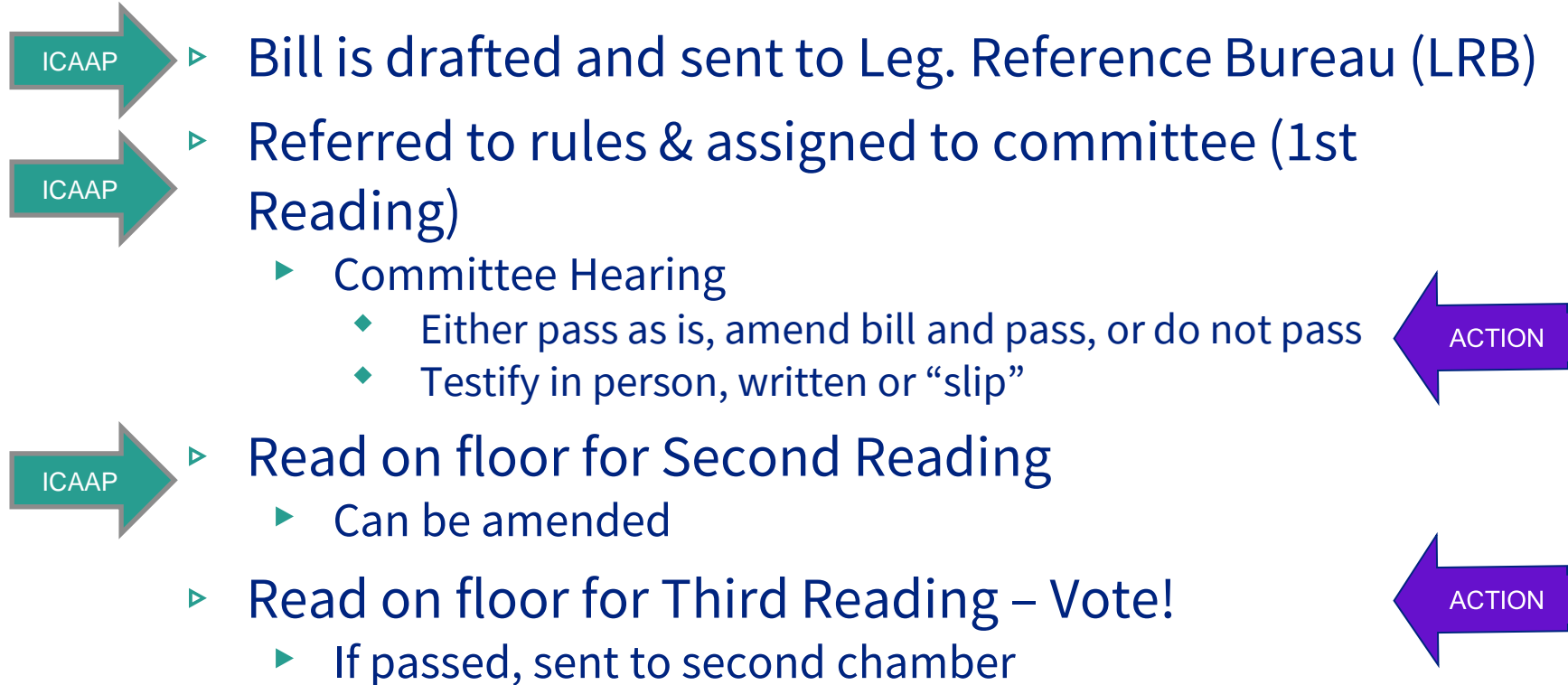
General Assembly (Legislative)

- 59 Senators
- 118 Representatives

How a Bill Becomes a Law



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History of Vaccine Legislation



- ▶ *Jacobson versus Massachusetts*: found legislative vaccine mandates to be constitutional as a means of protecting public health and public safety.
- ▶ *Zucht versus King* (1922): the Supreme Court upheld a local ordinance requiring vaccination as a condition for school attendance.¹⁷
- ▶ *Prince versus Commonwealth of Massachusetts* (1944): the constitutional rights of religion or parenthood were not beyond limitation - states had the authority to protect the welfare of children and the community.

National AAP Immunization Priorities



- ▶ Achieving Appropriate Vaccine Payment for Pediatric Practices
- ▶ Countering Anti-Vaccine Misinformation Online
- ▶ Supporting School Immunization Requirements
- ▶ Increasing Vaccine Access and Coverage
- ▶ Promoting Vaccine Confidence
- ▶ Reducing Administrative Burden
- ▶ Bolstering Immunization Across the Globe

National AAP COVID-19 Vaccine Priorities



- ▶ Longer invoice & payment schedules so pediatricians can be reimbursed before purchasing additional vaccines.
- ▶ Simplified and improved labeling of COVID-19 vials to minimize errors in administration.
- ▶ Easier return process for expired doses.
- ▶ Single-dose vials for all products.

What's Going on Now



- ▶ April: a US District Court judge issued a preliminary injunction barring Mississippi from enforcing its medical only exemption to school entry immunization requirements
 - ▶ Directed the state to create a religious exemption.
- ▶ April: A bill to expand nonmedical exemptions was defeated
 - ▶ No state has expanded nonmedical exemptions through an act of the legislature since 2003

Illinois Chapter Vaccine Advocacy



- ▶ Increased VFC vaccine administration rate from \$6.40 to \$16.71 for Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) and the HealthChoice Illinois (HCI) managed care plans (birth through 18) – effective 7/1/22

Panel Questions



- ▶ Why does vaccine policy & advocacy matter to children's health?
- ▶ What state and/or national vaccine policy initiatives have you been involved with?
- ▶ In your experience, what are factors that can positively or negatively impact vaccine policy & advocacy?
- ▶ What are the biggest barriers to vaccine policy & advocacy?
- ▶ What practical outcomes have you recognized as a result of successful vaccine advocacy efforts?
- ▶ What can clinical staff do to become involved in vaccine advocacy efforts?

Questions?

Upcoming Events

- ▶ Bi-weekly COVID-19 Commercialization Updates
 - ▶ Friday, August 18 at 12PM
- ▶ Illinois Vaccinates Against COVID-19 (I-VAC) Virtual Bootcamp
 - ▶ Thursday August 24th from 8:00AM – 12:30PM
- ▶ ICAAP Immunizations Webinar: Flu & COVID Vaccines
 - ▶ Tuesday, September 19 at 12PM
- ▶ Vaccine Summits – In-Person!
 - ▶ September 7 – October 11

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