



AIM Policy Summary – June 10, 2022

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Enacted Legislation:

COVID-19, Mandates, and Exemptions

- [AZ H 2371](#) was enacted on 5/27/22. This act prohibits any governmental entity from requiring a person under 18 years of age to receive a COVID-19 vaccination (or any COVID-19 variant vaccination) without the consent of a parent or guardian.
- [NH SB 228](#) was enacted on 6/7/22. This act establishes a committee to study the listing of immunizations for children, in which members will examine DHHS immunization policy and take testimony regarding COVID-19 vaccines for school-aged children.

Other

- [CT S 448](#) was enacted on 5/27/22. This act pertains to delivering health care and mental health services to inmates of correctional institutions. It ensures inmates have access to all vaccines licensed or authorized under an EUA.
- [IL H 3949](#) was enacted on 5/27/22. This act ensures that homeless service providers are considered essential critical infrastructure workers during a pandemic, thereby allowing them to qualify for the same priority vaccination benefits as frontline workers.

Pharmacy

- [VA SB 672/VA H 1323](#) was enacted on 5/27/22. This act allows pharmacists and pharmacy technicians (under pharmacist supervision) to initiate treatment with, dispense, or administer vaccines included on the CDC Immunization Schedule and vaccines for COVID-19. Additionally, this act requires pharmacists to report vaccine administration to the Virginia Immunization Information System (IIS).

Movement on Existing Bills:

COVID-19, Mandates, and Exemptions

- [IA H 2298](#) was sent to the Governor on 6/3/22. This bill prohibits requiring immunization against COVID-19 for a person to be enrolled in any licensed childcare center, elementary or secondary school, or post-secondary before July 1, 2029.

- [LA H 54](#) was sent to the Governor on 6/7/22. This bill prohibits any governmental entity or public educational institution from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination for admission. This bill also prohibits employers of governmental entities or public educational institutions from discriminating against employees for refusing to adhere to a COVID-19 vaccination requirement.

Immunization Information Systems

- [NY S 6541](#) was sent to the Governor on 5/27/22. This bill restricts vaccine registry information from discovery and other processes. This bill also requires regulations to be put in place to protect patient vaccine information from disclosure.

Gaining Media Attention:

- Various California groups encouraged the protest of [SB 866](#), [AB 1797](#), and [AB 2098](#) on social media. [SB 866](#) authorizes children ages 12 and older to make decisions surrounding vaccination without parental consent, [AB 1797](#) expands immunization registries and allows certain facilities access to immunization records, and [AB 2098](#) designates COVID-19 misinformation dissemination (by physicians) as unprofessional conduct.
 - On June 1st, California [SB 866](#) passed through the first House committee and will move to the assembly floor, despite the protests of many California-based advocacy groups.
- The Pennsylvania Coalition for Informed Consent encourages legislators on social media to pass [HB 2013](#). This bill proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adding a “right to medical freedom.”
- Health Choice 4 Action Massachusetts, a vaccine-opposing group, asked followers to oppose [H 4813](#), which would eliminate religious vaccine exemptions in schools.