

Testimony In Opposition of SB #1102

Dear General Law Committee,

I am a pediatrician who works in New Haven, CT and Chair of the Advocacy Committee for the CT Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. These are my personal views and do not reflect those of my employer.

I am writing in opposition of SB #1102.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released a statement [opposing the PREP Act amendments](#) permitting pharmacy-based childhood immunizations for ages 3-18. As pediatricians, we know that it is critical that children and adolescents receive comprehensive medical care in a pediatric medical home. During medical visits, pediatricians not only provide vaccinations, but perform developmental screenings, manage chronic diseases, discuss healthy behaviors, treat mood disorders, and so much more. The image below outlines the AAP recommendations for preventative care based on age.

American Academy of Pediatrics DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN®		Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics																		Bright Futures Prevention and health promotion for infants, children, adolescents, and their families™													
AGE¹	Prenatal²	Newborn³	3-5 d⁴	By 1 mo	2 mo	4 mo	6 mo	9 mo	12 mo	15 mo	18 mo	24 mo	30 mo	3 y	4 y	5 y	6 y	8 y	9 y	10 y	11 y	12 y	13 y	14 y	15 y	16 y	17 y	18 y	19 y	20 y	21 y		
HISTORY	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
MEASUREMENTS																																	
Length/Height and Weight		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Head Circumference		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Weight for Length		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Body Mass Index⁴																																	
Blood Pressure⁵		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	
SENSORY SCREENING																																	
Vision⁶		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	
Hearing		●¹	●²	→	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	
DEVELOPMENTAL/SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL/MENTAL HEALTH																																	
Maternal Depression Screening¹¹				●	●	●																											
Developmental Screening¹²								●																									
Autism Spectrum Disorder Screening¹³												●																					
Developmental Surveillance		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Behavioral/Social/Emotional Screening¹⁴		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Tobacco, Alcohol, or Drug Use Assessment¹⁵																						★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Depression and Suicide Risk Screening¹⁶																						★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION¹⁷		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
PROCEDURES¹⁸																																	
Newborn Blood		●¹⁹	→																														
Newborn Bilirubin²⁰		●																															
Critical Congenital Heart Defect²¹		●																															
Immunization²²		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Anemia²³					★				★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Lead²⁴						★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Tuberculosis²⁵			★						★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Dyslipidemia²⁶											★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Sexually Transmitted Infections²⁷																						★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
HIV²⁸																						★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Hepatitis B Virus Infection²⁹		★																															
Hepatitis C Virus Infection³⁰																																	
Sudden Cardiac Arrest/Death³¹																																	
Cervical Dysplasia³²																																	
ORAL HEALTH³³						●³⁴	●³⁵	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★

If children are able to receive vaccinations in pharmacies, this may greatly decrease preventative medical visits to the pediatric medical home. Therefore, it is critical that CT elected officials oppose SB 1102 in order to ensure the health and wellbeing of children in CT.

Thank you for considering my testimony. Please reach out with questions.

Sincerely,

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