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Physicians Recommend AAP and AAFP Childhood Immunization Schedules Despite Federal Changes

Lansing, MI – The Michigan Association of Preventive Medicine and Public Health Physicians (MAPPP) and the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) strongly disagree with the US Department of Health & Human Services decision to alter the US childhood immunization schedule. MAPPP and MSMS support the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) recommendation to follow the immunization schedules from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

"The evidence supporting immunizations in childhood has not changed and therefore recommendations should not change either. Vaccines remain the best defense against preventable infectious disease," said Dr. William Nettleton of MAPPP.

No new data on safety or effectiveness informed the US DHHS' decision. No substantive stakeholder input or impact assessment of potential harms from altering the childhood immunization schedule were conducted. The federal change to the immunization schedule only increases confusion and decreases trust in vaccines at a time when vaccine-preventable diseases are becoming more common. The United States benefits from an immunization schedule tailored towards its diverse population of 330 million people, unique disease profile, its financial resources and its often fragmented healthcare system.

For all these reasons, MAPPP and MSMS urge clinicians and parents to refer to the AAP and AAFP immunization schedules to inform vaccine decision-making.

The Michigan Association of Preventive Medicine and Public Health Physicians (MAPPP) is the professional society for local public health medical directors and preventive medicine physicians across Michigan.

The Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) is a professional society representing physicians and medical students in Michigan.