



AIM Legislative Round-up: February 7, 2024

AIM is currently tracking **382** vaccine-related bills with potential implications for immunization programs; this number is on track to exceed last year's volume. Over the last two weeks, **65** of these bills received their committee hearing date, with many more expected over the coming weeks. A summary of newly introduced legislation is provided below.

Are you being asked to develop talking points or provide testimony for a committee hearing? Visit our [Policy Toolkit](#) to view all AIM legislative resources or reach out to [Brent Ewig](#) for individualized support. Most jurisdictions are facing nearly identical bills.

Enacted (1 bill):

- [NJ A 1899](#), a carryover bill from last year's legislative session, was officially enacted on February 3. It allows pharmacy technicians to vaccinate, and authorizes pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians to vaccinate down to age five.

Vaccine Requirements/Exemptions (25 new bills):

- 11 new bills address school requirements
 - 3 involve allowing homeschool students to participate in public school programming (i.e., athletics) if they adhere to the same immunization requirements (NY S 3436, NY A 4137, & IL HB 2827)
 - 3 involve removing requirements for students enrolled in private schools (IA SF 204, TN SB 827, & TN HB 1003)
 - Other involve medical exemptions (NY A 3860 & NY A 3325), COVID-19 requirements (IL HB 1792 & NY A 4207), and temporary school admittance if required immunizations are scheduled/in-progress (MD SB 281)
- 3 bills address employer requirements (MN SF 717, MN SF 709, & IL HB 2600)
- Additional bills involve religious exemptions (AL SB 85), requirements for summer camps (NY A 3254 & NY S 3958) and daycare facilities (NY S 3200)

Vaccine Cost/Coverage (10 new bills):

- Numerous bills seek to specify requirements for vaccine reimbursement and insurance coverage, with a few states looking to expand state-based insurance coverage that includes vaccines (NE LB 77, NY A 3839, MD HB 974, MN SF 929, MN SF 930, MN SF 931, MN SF 932, MN SF 933, GA HB 258, & OH SB 78)

Ability to Vaccinate (10 new bills):

- 5 involve pharmacist vaccination authority (WA SB 5513, NY A 4346, RI SB 166, NY S 3826, & NY S 3808)
- 4 involve dentists (IL HB 1805, NY A 3892, NY S 4548, & NY A 3894)

- 1 involves advanced practice registered nurses (TX SB 911)

Anti-discrimination (9 new bills):

- Bills in this category seek to prohibit discrimination based on vaccination status, specify one's right to refuse vaccination and/or prohibit refusal of any services due to one's vaccine status (MN SF 698, PA SB 193, AZ HB 2707, NY A 3686, TN HB 638, TN SB 1389, IA SF 180, IL HB 2597, & SD HB 1233)

Additional trends:

- 5 bills address vaccine consent; 3 specifying parents/guardians need to be physically present at the time of vaccination (NY S 3299, NY A 3455, & MN SF 839) and 2 specifying minors' inability to consent to their own vaccinations (AL SB 58 & AL SB 101)
- 5 bills have implications for state IIS systems (NY S 3162, NY A 3359, NY S 3964, NY S 4356, & AZ SB 1663)
- 5 bills would prohibit the use of WHO, CDC and/or AAP requirements/guidance in the state (ID S 1038, TN HB 446, SD HB 1152, TN Hb 1156 & TN SB 1030)
- 4 new bills involve vaccine communications; 3 of which specifying/altering the information that needs to be provided to parents (MN SF 694, GA HB 173 & TN SB 680) and one prohibiting state agencies from promoting the COVID-19 vaccine in any medium to children (ME LD 436 [HP 290])
- 4 more bills address mRNA vaccines, 2 seeking to prohibit their use (ID S 1036 & NY A 4798) and the other two involve the labeling of blood donations if donors received such vaccines (ID H 131 & TN SB 828)
- 3 bills would prohibit the sale of any food that contains a vaccine or vaccine material (TN SB 616, TN HB 928, & TN HB 1100)
- 2 bills involve school-based health centers (OK SB 1017 & NY S 3547), 2 bills would expand vaccines required to be given during hospital discharge (PA SB 196 & GA HB 218), and 2 bills involve vaccines for immigrants (NY A 4407 & ID H 135)

Please note: AIM is striving to monitor fast-moving state legislative developments. The information included in this summary may not be comprehensive and is subject to change. If you are aware of missing information, **please contact AIM Chief Government Relations and Policy Officer Brent Ewig (bewig@immunizationmanagers.org).**