

RESOLUTION 21 – 06A

Title: Childhood Vaccine “Grace Period”
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Referred to: Reference Committee D
House Action:

Whereas, since 1994, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended that doses of vaccine separated by less than the recommended minimum interval or earlier than the minimum age should not be considered part of a primary immunization series, and

Whereas, in an effort to increase the flexibility of the complicated childhood immunization schedule, the ACIP now recommends that vaccine doses administered up to four days before the minimum interval or age can be counted as valid, and

Whereas, the ACIP believes that administering a dose a few days earlier than the minimum interval or age is unlikely to have a significant negative effect on the immune response to that dose, and

Whereas, due to our current state rules that are closely followed by the school systems, children moving into our state from other states that allow this “grace period” of four days are sometimes forced to get re-immunized at additional cost, inconvenience and risk; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS ask the Michigan Department of Community Health to accept the four-day “grace period” recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and communicate to the Michigan Department of Education that children immunized within the four-day grace period do not require unnecessary repeat immunizations.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE