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# Support House Bill 1089

## Expanding Immunization Opportunities

### ***STATUS***

House Bill 1089, sponsored by Representative Seth Grove (R-196), was introduced on April 7, 2017 and was referred to the House Health Committee where it awaits consideration.

### ***THIS BILL WOULD***

Change Pennsylvania law to permit pharmacists to provide all immunizations to patients nine years of age and older with parental consent.

### ***BACKGROUND INFORMATION***

Act 8 of 2015 lowered the age pharmacists can provide the flu vaccine to patients nine years of age and older, with parental consent. It also established that licensed pharmacy interns are permitted to administer immunizations under the direct supervision of a pharmacist who possesses an immunization license.

### ***WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT***

- Currently in Pennsylvania, there are approximately 9,500 certified pharmacist immunizers available to safely and conveniently administer vaccinations.
- The public's unique access to pharmacists - including extended hours of operation and weekend availability, coupled with being a trusted health care professional - places pharmacies in an ideal position to have a major impact on reducing vaccine-preventable illness.

