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US Dept. of HHS Authorizes Pharmacists to Give Vaccines To Children During the Pandemic; AAP Raises Strong Objections

On Tuesday, US Dept. of Health & Human Services issued an order that will permit pharmacists to give vaccines to children ages three years through 18 years if certain conditions are met. This order, since it’s part of the federal pandemic emergency act, supersedes any existing state laws. Click [here](#) to read the HHS press release.

Yesterday afternoon, the AAP issued this press release opposing HHS’ action. AAP President Dr. Sally Goza stated “Rather than create an alternative method to deliver immunizations to children, our federal government should invest in the one we have: pediatricians.”

This policy will take effect once the Notice of Amendment is published in the Federal Register which is expected any day. At this time, we understand the AAP is formulating a response to this order which will be forthcoming shortly.

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