

Medical school curricula barely touch on the potential harm that vaccinations may have on their patients, yet insurance payment methods require doctors to keep vaccination rates high, **regardless of individual risks.**

*“Most medical school curriculum, even nursing school curriculum, I mean – **in medical school you’re lucky if you have a half day on vaccines**, never mind keeping up to date with all this.” Prof. Heidi Larson, PhD, at the W.H.O. World Vaccine Safety Summit, 12/3/2019*



*Pediatricians are under **INTENSE** financial pressure from the insurance industry to maintain or improve HEDIS scores. This is a report card created by insurance company insiders in an attempt to quantify quality of health care so that they can “effectively compete in the market,” or in other words, **SELL MORE INSURANCE.***

In this pay-for-performance business model, providers must reach a pre-determined threshold of measures, **including vaccination rates**, in order to receive full payment from their networks. **Millions of dollars in bonus money** are awarded for favorable scores, while failure to secure patients’ **full compliance** can carry expensive penalties.

Limited Knowledge + Financial Pressure = BAD MEDICINE

Pediatric office bonuses are linked to high vaccine uptake compliance. This conflict of interest is NOT in the child’s best interest. Protect parental rights to vaccine choice in PA.

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