

Citizens Call On Legislators to End Pediatric Health Care Discrimination: Support HB286

- Hundreds of families across PA are being denied pediatric care because of their vaccine status. Parents choose to delay or decline vaccines for many different reasons and they are well within their legal rights to do so.
- The insurance industry's "pay-for-performance" system awards bonuses to medical practices that have high populations of fully vaccinated children. Children who opt out of only one dose of one vaccine lower the practice scoring, jeopardizing the bonus amount.
- This system encourages discrimination and coercion in pediatric practices, thus undermining the parental right to informed consent upheld by the Pennsylvania legislature.

Kristan's story is one of hundreds in the state with the same experience.



As a first-time mom, I was exhilarated to meet our sweet baby girl; she was a perfect, seven-pound miracle. However, her first pediatrician kicked us out of the office for refusing to give her a Hepatitis B shot.

I called several pediatric offices and finally found one that would take us without following the rigorous CDC vaccine schedule, but after two visits, we were also discharged for not being up to date on vaccines.

My daughter has eczema, which can indicate an allergy or an autoimmune condition. This was not considered. The vaccine schedule was the priority instead of her wellbeing.

The pediatricians asked NO questions about her health, and NO tests were done to see if she might adversely react to any of the vaccine ingredients. NO information about vaccine risks was given. We were just dismissed. **Currently, NO doctor will see my daughter. Kristan, Butler County, PA**

<https://healthpayerintelligence.com/news/key-ways-blue-cross-blue-shield-raises-its-hedis-scores>

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Payment-Program/Measure-Development/2018-MDP-annual-report.PDF>

**Children are
being denied
pediatric care
because they
have not been
vaccinated for
an STD.**