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## At a Glance

- AMGA and leading health organizations urge the CDC to reject the ACIP's recommendation to end universal hepatitis B birth-dose vaccination.
- If CDC adopts ACIP's recommendation, insurance coverage for the hepatitis B vaccine is not expected to change.
- President Trump ordered review of the childhood immunization schedule to align with those of other developed countries.

## Detailed Brief

**AMGA and leading health organizations urge the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to reject the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP's) recommendation to end universal hepatitis B birth-dose vaccination.**

- A [joint statement](#) led by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and signed by 70 leading medical, health, and patient advocacy groups underscores that the hepatitis B birth dose is safe, highly effective, and foundational to declining hepatitis B virus infections in U.S. children.
- [Research](#) continues to show that hepatitis B vaccination at birth is safe, effective, and lifesaving.
- Additional statements opposing the change came from liver and hepatitis organizations, medical and scientific groups, and public health and advocacy organizations.
  - **Liver & Hepatitis Organizations:** [American Liver Foundation](#) (ALF), [American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases](#) (AASLD), [Hepatitis B Foundation](#), [Hepatitis B United](#)
  - **Medical & Scientific Groups:** [American Association of Immunologists](#) (AAI), [American Medical Association](#) (AMA), [American Nurses Association](#) (ANA), [American Pharmacists Association](#) (APhA), [National Foundation for Infectious Diseases](#) (NFID)
  - **Public Health & Advocacy Organizations:** [American Hospital Association](#) (AHA), [American Public Health Association](#) (APHA), [Families USA](#), [National Association of County and City Health Officials](#) (NACCHO), [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#), [Vaccinate Your Family](#).

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- The Department of Health and Human Services [notes](#) that vaccines under shared clinical decision making are generally required to be covered without cost-sharing.
- In addition, most private insurers have [pledged](#) to cover all vaccines recommended by ACIP as of Sept. 1, 2025, with no cost-sharing through 2026.

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- The [memorandum](#) describes the United States as an "outlier," noting that European countries recommend fewer shots for children.
- AAP issued a [statement](#) in response, maintaining that current U.S. vaccine recommendations are appropriate for children in the United States. The statement explains that the United States doesn't follow other country's vaccine recommendations, underscoring that countries differ by disease threats, population demographics, health systems, costs, government structures, vaccine availability, and programs for vaccine delivery.

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