

WYETH PHARMACEUTICALS

Talking Points HB1316—requiring adequate vaccination against Hepatitis A and invasive pneumococcal disease of children in regulated childcare facilities as recommended by the Department of State Health Services.

RISKS OF INVASIVE PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE:

- The leading cause of bacterial meningitis in the United States, pneumococcal disease *kills more people in the United States each year than all other vaccine-preventable diseases combined*, according to the CDC, with potentially fatal complications including pneumonia, deafness and brain damage.
- Texas has significant rates of invasive pneumococcal disease.

RISKS OF HEPATITIS A:

- Children in childcare settings are at high risk for Hepatitis A and are up to *three times more likely to contract pneumococcal disease*, according to the CDC.
- Texas is one of 11 highly endemic Hepatitis A states as classified by the Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

ABOUT HB 1316:

- Vaccination of healthy infants against invasive pneumococcal disease would prevent **neurological damage including impaired vision, hearing loss, paralysis and mental retardation** and more than:
 - **12,000 cases of meningitis and bacteremia**
 - **53,000 cases of pneumonia**
 - **1 million episodes of ear infection** (otitis media)
 - **116 deaths**
- The federal CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) have all recommended age-appropriate immunization against invasive pneumococcal disease (4-dose series of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine) for day-care aged children.
- The federal CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) have recommended age-appropriate immunization against Hepatitis A for children, including day care age children, living in counties and states with Hepatitis A rates at least twice the national average.
- HB 1316 urges that community and health leaders work together to insure that all children entering Texas' childcare facilities are fully and appropriately immunized against invasive pneumococcal disease and Hepatitis A.

SUPPORTED BY:

- The Texas Medical Association
- Texas Academy of Family Physicians
- Texas Pediatric Society
- National Association of Child Care Providers