

## House Health &amp; Insurance

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## SB21-016 Protecting Preventive Health Care Coverage

## Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

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Alyssandra Hossler Against Self	I am writing to ask you to vote no on SB21-016. This bill gives rights to children that endanger their health and well-being. There is a clear reason why we don't allow children to go to war, buy cigarettes and alcohol, or get married without parental approval. That is because they are not yet capable of making informed decisions that can impact the rest of their lives. This bill is dangerous and opens up a legal can of worms and liability for those who administer health care to children. As a teacher, I know children are not able to make these decisions which is why I am asking you to vote no on SB21-016. Thank you for your time and service. Sincerely, Alyssandra Hossler
Gloria Concha Against Self	This is against the constitution. I am against it as a united states citizen I am appalled that Big Pharma is still ruling this country. I have the right as a human to decide what's best for my body
Tchapo Bilante Against Self	Against
Jessica Sarkisian Against Self	Please vote NO for SB 21-016. There is no logical reason why children should be given the irresponsible decision to get a vaccine. Vaccines in general have not been proven to be safe and effective. There is not a large enough risk for children to be exposed to HPV than there is for injury from a vaccine. This is preposterous! I hope you will highly consider a NO vote!!!! FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN!!!! Thank you!

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<p>Andrea Mercier                      Against                      Self</p>	<p>Section 2 of this bill should be eliminated in that it potentially removes parents as guardians of their child’s well-being in this instance.</p> <p>A problem exists within this Senate Bill in that it allows for the preventative care for the treatment of STIs without consent surrounding the administration of products, procedures, and treatments of minors without parental consent. The problem with this is that if and when an adverse event were to occur as a result of a treatment, procedure, or product....The state's insurance, the families insurance would have to know what happened. The parents wouldn't necessarily know what happened because if they did not feel like communicating that .....and now the parent is left wondering how and why they are now stuck with a disability. Currently the services and supports that are available in the disability world are constantly shorted financially and many are screened out in the convoluted Medicaid mess we are in and this is a bill that will potentially add to a series of problems for families in a messy system of systems that will destroy the stability and fragility of families that are already near a crisis. HPV vaccines do not have a good track record and under-reporting of vaccine and medication injuries is already a serious concern. It is necessary for guardian involvement in decision making because they often hold the medical histories of their children and family genetic histories. It is important to be inclusive of families with any bills. The frontal lobes of children are not fully developed at that age and they lack the ability to make educated and informed decisions. Children are not the financial bearers of the consequences if something goes south and this can ultimately destroy the socio-economic stability of families.</p> <p>Vaccine injuries are real and on the rise. Medicaid as a primary and secondary form of coverage and its waiver program is in a state of disaster. Children and families are already in a state of crisis and this bill has the potential to potentiate a worse crisis.</p> <p>Any treatment, procedure, or vaccine needs the consent of families so they can weigh the benefits and risks to there children and investigate what to do if a treatment, procedure, or vaccine goes south.</p> <p>Current law requires consent of a parent or legal authority for minor vaccination. This bill completely contradicts that statute.</p> <p>Thanks, Andrea Mercier</p>

<p>Terrie Freeman Against Self</p>	<p>CORRECTED:</p> <p>Please vote NO on this bill. It is your obligation; your duty; and your responsibility to protect the rights of parents. It is your job. It is for what you are paid and paid by the parents themselves. Would you, as a parent, not want to be involved in these decisions for your children? Would you pay someone to usurp your parental authority? I highly doubt it and t neither would we!</p> <p>The government has no business involved in allowing a minor to consent to a vaccine without parental knowledge. The parent has the best interests of the child at heart. The government does not. The parent, not the government, does a much better job of raising their own children. They always have, they do now, and they always will.</p> <p>In fact, everything the government touches, it destroys. It is a self-serving entity, and it serves itself at our expense. We have already seen how little respect the government has for individual rights and freedoms. We have already seen how little respect the government has for ESTABLISHED state and federal law. How much more will it intrude on our privacy? How much more will it intrude in our everyday lives?</p> <p>To support this bill is to support Nazism. It is to support fascism. It is to support tyranny. It is past time to bring this intrusion to an end. It has already gone too far. Do not be a communist! Instead, express high, moral integrity and vote NO on this bill. I urge you to vote no on SB21-016 at the Health &amp; Insurance committee hearing.</p> <p>This bill would allow minors to consent to HPV and Hep B vaccinations without parental knowledge or consent. Since HPV is recommended for children beginning at age 9, I see nothing in this bill that would prevent a child that young from being legally able to agree to these injections. Would you allow your young children to make these decisions?</p> <p>In addition, the bill expands the list of providers and locations that such "treatment" could be given by a nurse in a school setting. Children this young are clearly not capable of making such decisions.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
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Thank you, Madame Chair, and thank you members of the committee.

My name is Brittany Vessely and I am the Executive Director of the Colorado Catholic Conference (CCC), which is the united voice of the four Catholic bishops of Colorado in public policy. I speak on behalf of the conference this afternoon to testify **in opposition** to SB 16.

SB 16 removes the requirement that “family planning services” be provided by a **certified** family planning clinic. The terms “family planning services” and “family-planning-related services” are not clearly defined in the bill and **could include abortions**.

Furthermore, this bill removes the requirement that a provider obtain parental consent before providing family planning services to a minor. **This means that if SB 16 is enacted, pregnant minors could potentially abort their child without parental consent at a “family planning” clinic that may not be certified with a licensed physician on staff.**

Colorado health insurance carriers already cover contraception and family planning services, as required under federal law – *but federal law does not include abortion*. Because SB 16 **does not** use identical language as the federal law that it seeks to codify into Colorado law, it could be interpreted to have a different scope than existing federal law.

Additionally, the Biden administration has recently proposed executive action to allow Title X family planning clinics to provide referrals to abortion providers. If the administration takes this action, the scope of family planning services included under SB 16 would likely – perhaps certainly – be interpreted to include such abortion referrals.

There is a simple fix to this legislation that adheres to the intent of the sponsors and stakeholders, like Planned Parenthood: add an amendment that will clarify that no services under “family planning” or “family-planning-related services” can use public funding as stated in section 50 of Article V in the Colorado Constitution. This is the clause that prohibits public funding for abortion in our state.

This is a common sense clarification that adheres to our state constitution.

We ask that you please consider this amendment. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Brittany Vessely  
Executive Director, Colorado Catholic Conference

Written Testimony for Opposition to SB21-016

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