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CHAPTER 16A. HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINATION.

§ 7-1651.01. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this chapter, the term:

- (1) "CDC" means the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- (2) "HPV" means the human papillomavirus.

(July 12, 2007, D.C. Law 17-10, § 2, 54 DCR 5146.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Legislative History of Laws

Law 17-10, the "Human Papillomavirus Vaccination and Reporting Act of 2007", was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 17-30 which was referred to the Committee on Health. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on April 3, 2007, and April 19, 2007, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on May 4, 2007, it was assigned Act No. 17-39 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review. D.C. Law 17-10 became effective on July 12, 2007.

§ 7-1651.02. HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

By January 1, 2008, the Mayor shall initiate a public information campaign, including multiple HPV vaccine education forums in each ward, aimed at educating the public on:

- (1) The connection between HPV and cervical cancer;
- (2) The importance of protecting oneself against HPV infection;
- (3) The value of screening for cervical cancer through regular pap tests; and
- (4) The effectiveness and risks of the HPV vaccine.

(July 12, 2007, D.C. Law 17-10, § 3, 54 DCR 5146.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Legislative History of Laws

For Law 17-10, see notes following § 7-1651.01.

§ 7-1651.03. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CERTIFICATION.

Within 30 days of the implementation of the HPV vaccination program, the Director of the Department of Health shall provide written certification to the Council that the vaccine is safe and efficacious.

(July 12, 2007, D.C. Law 17-10, § 4, 54 DCR 5146.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Legislative History of Laws

For Law 17-10, see notes following § 7-1651.01.

§ 7-1651.04. HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINATION PROGRAM.

(a) The Mayor shall:

- (1) By January 1, 2009, consistent with the standards set forth by the federal Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention ("CDC"), establish and implement a HPV vaccination program that includes a requirement that the Department of Health disseminate to all parents or legal guardians information about HPV, including the benefits and risks of the HPV vaccine;

(2) Require all communications from the Department of Health on the HPV vaccination program to prominently feature information pertaining to the ability of parents or guardians to opt out of the program;

(3) Extend, by rulemaking, the HPV vaccination program requirements to males, consistent with standards set forth by the CDC; and

(4) Require the Department of Health to develop reporting requirements for the collection and analyzation of HPV vaccination data.

(b)(1) By the beginning of the 2009 school year, and of every school year thereafter, the parent or legal guardian of a female child enrolling in grade 6 for the first time at a school in the District of Columbia shall be required to submit certification:

(A) That the child has received the HPV vaccine; or

(B) That the child has not received the HPV vaccine because:

(i) The parent or legal guardian has objected in good faith and in writing to the chief official of the school that the vaccination would violate his or her religious beliefs;

(ii) The child's private physician, his or her representative, or the public health authority has provided the school written certification that the vaccination is medically inadvisable; or

(iii) The parent or legal guardian, in his or her discretion, has elected to opt out of the HPV vaccination program, for any reason, by signing a form prepared by the Department of Health that states the parent or legal guardian has been informed of the HPV vaccination requirement and has elected not to participate.

(2) The form, provided pursuant to paragraph (1)(B)(iii) of this subsection, shall include the parent or legal guardian's name, address, and telephone number and the name of the child. The form shall be available in English, Spanish, and any other language that the Mayor considers culturally appropriate.

(July 12, 2007, D.C. Law 17-10, § 5, 54 DCR 5146.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Legislative History of Laws

For Law 17-10, see notes following § 7-1651.01.

§ 7-1651.05. RULES.

The Mayor, pursuant to subchapter I of Chapter 5 of Title 2, shall issue rules to implement the provisions of this chapter.

(July 12, 2007, D.C. Law 17-10, § 6, 54 DCR 5146.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Legislative History of Laws

For Law 17-10, see notes following § 7-1651.01.

§ 7-1651.06. APPLICABILITY.

This chapter shall apply upon the inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan.

(July 12, 2007, D.C. Law 17-10, § 7, 54 DCR 5146.)

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For Law 17-10, see notes following § 7-1651.01.