

Protect Vaccine Choices for Massachusetts Patients

Massachusetts lawmakers can protect vaccination use and safeguard public health — by letting doctors and patients choose from a wider selection of shots.

For decades, Massachusetts allowed doctors, nurses, and pharmacists to offer every FDA-approved, CDC-recommended vaccine to their patients. But in 2023, a state council took away those choices, limiting which vaccines doctors and other providers could administer to their patients.

Now, Massachusetts lawmakers have an opportunity to correct that mistake and ensure Massachusetts is a provider choice state, like Connecticut, by including language to codify vaccine choice and strengthen patients' confidence in vaccines.



70% of Massachusetts providers say vaccine choice helps them best care for patients.

- **74% of pediatricians** say vaccine choice enables them to tailor care to children's needs.
- **80% of providers** agree that having more vaccine choices would help prevent harmful shortages.



Provider Choice Improves:

Trust. Offering more choices helps doctors address patient concerns, respect parents' role in healthcare decisions, and give families greater confidence in vaccination.

Personalized Care. Flexibility allows providers to select the vaccine that's best suited for each patient's unique medical profile.



Bottom Line: Massachusetts can support vaccine use and improve public health — by giving providers and patients more choices of FDA-approved vaccines.

Source: Charles River Associates survey conducted for BIO among 100 Massachusetts vaccine providers, including pediatricians, family physicians/primary care providers, and practice administrators, April 12-May 8, 2024.

