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The above-listed organizations jointly support legislation S.9604 (Hinchey)/ A.9140 (Rosenthal) which would extend liability protections for clinicians administering vaccines in accordance with state guidance.

Our organizations collectively represent healthcare providers, public health, local health departments, academic institutions, and others and are dedicated to ensuring access to evidence-based vaccine care and maintaining public health infrastructure. This legislation is critical to preserving that ability given recent federal actions which have made the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) unreliable. New York State (NYS) is contemplating alternative pathways for vaccine guidance through the State Commissioner of Health and providers who follow this new potential state guidance should, as provided by this bill, receive the same liability protections afforded under federal recommendations.

After the removal of CDC recommendations earlier this year for several pediatric immunizations, [deliberations remain ongoing](#) as to whether individuals alleging vaccine-related injuries now have greater ability to pursue lawsuits against vaccine manufacturers. This poses significant uncertainty for providers as well as they navigate conflicting vaccine guidance, insurance coverage, and ultimately legal liability, making protections provided by the bill vital.

As the possibility of litigation looms, this measure is a proactive solution to provide reassurance to providers and prevent vaccine delivery disruptions similar to legislation introduced in Colorado and Vermont and enacted in California in 2025. **We urge the passage of this legislation without delay to support health care professionals delivering vaccines and to safeguard New Yorkers' access to vaccines.**