Some voice opposition to changes to childcare vaccination rules

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In an effort to streamline turing and comply with legislation passed in 2021, state officials have proposed amendments to childcare rules that would allow for religious exemptions to routine immunizations for children and staff.

The public had the opportunity to voice their opinions on the changes proposed by the Department of Health and Human Services during a Thursday morning meeting. As a public comment period is required under Montana law before amendments are made to rules, though no additional voting by lawmakers is required.

Under the proposed amendments, parents, guardians, and staff would have the option to submit an affidavit attesting that vaccinations for diseases such as whooping cough, mumps, polio, or diphtheria is contrary to their religious beliefs or practices.

Presently, religious exemptions for vaccinations are not accepted in child care facilities because of the danger posed to the public, noted Sandi Doenicke, executive director of Child Care Resources. As his predecessor, Adam Meier, announced his resignation, Democratic lawmakers on the Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee took the lead Friday in praying answers from Brereton, to whom they had sent a letter earlier this week laying out their concerns.

From the beginning of MSU’s loss of accreditation, there have been significant concerns that DPHHS seeks to privatize or close the State Hospital altogether, “the beginning of MSH’s failure,” said Tom V职务, representative of the Montana State Hospital’s board of directors, Bishop Austin Vetter and Rebecca Stanfel (a member of the Montana Jewish Project’s board), stand outside Helena’s Temple Emanu-El for prayer “Shehecheyanu” which we member of MJP.

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