

I have a son who had a seizure from the Dtap and my grandmother died from the flu vaccination which I recognize was extremely rare. I am wondering if the medical exemptions in this upcoming bill will be extended to include families like mine? Currently it does not look at family history. I am really worried because I don't want my son to have more of the vaccination that caused his seizure. I am sure you can understand how anxiety inducing the idea of that is for a parent.

The other vaccinations and even my youngest son are fine though.

I am not completely against some vaccine mandation over-all but I think the laws surrounding medical exemptions need to be improved first so my son and others do not miss school especially because I do not have the ability to do homeschooling as I work. Also, I do believe in the science surrounding vaccinations and I believe they help people but I believe some people do have reactions not stated on the OHAs exemption list and I think it needs to be updated to reflect more current scientific data first. I am a college graduate and currently enrolled in a masters program so I do know how to read real peer reviewed studies and have done a lot of research on this topic. I am just concerned about my son being further injured. Also, he did have a blood test done at the doctors office showing he has a gene mutation and is a rapid metabolizer of drugs. It is a blood test for a gene set called cytochrome P450. It means he takes in more of a medication than normal people which could have lead to his strange seizure reaction, but since it is a newer finding there isnt much information on this. I really would like to see more science and research and I think his doctor should be the deciding factor with his medical exemption, not the OHA as they do not know our unique history or situation and they do not know my son.

So, will this bill improve medical exemptions and if so, how soon?

- Jeanine Comstock

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