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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 1/27/26 **Bill Number:** HB156 **Original** **Amendment** **Substitute**

Short Title: REPEAL OF 2025 LAWS ON VACCINATIONS

Sponsor: Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: HB156 repeals several sections of law passed during the First Special Session of 2025 through Senate Bill 3(SB3) Immunization Rules & Recommendations that required vaccines for school children that conform to recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the American Academy of Pediatrics (Chapter 5, Sec. 8-9); established a statewide vaccine purchasing program (Sec. 11); authorized uses of the Vaccine Purchasing Fund (Sec. 12); and directed health insurers to cover certain vaccinations, among other provisions (Sec. 13). If not repealed, these provisions become effective on July 1, 2026

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HCA does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this bill.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Vaccines represent a critical tool for preventing disease and promoting a healthy population overall. According to the CDC childhood vaccines have prevented approximately 508 million lifetime cases of illness, 32 million hospitalizations, and 1,129,000 deaths, at a net savings of \$540 billion in direct costs and \$2.7 trillion in societal costs for the United States. This legislation would allow the state to maintain access to vaccines for New Mexicans.

Zhou F, Jatlaoui TC, Leidner AJ, et al. Health and Economic Benefits of Routine Childhood Immunizations in the Era of the Vaccines for Children Program — United States, 1994–2023. *MMWRMorbMortalWklyRep*2024;73:682–685. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7331a2>

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None for HCA. HCA would continue vaccine coverage as approved in the Medicaid State Plan. The State Plan allows Medicaid to cover vaccines that are either 1) recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts acting within their scope of practice or 2) recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for HCA.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relationship with the First Special Session of 2025 SB3.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo.

AMENDMENTS

None at this time.