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## Cutbacks could affect children's vaccinations

### Parents may have to pay for shots formerly covered by government

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#### INDIANAPOLIS

Parents would have to pay for many of the vaccines recommended for their children under cutbacks being considered by state health officials.

Vaccines that are required by the state, including those for measles, polio and chicken pox, would remain free. But others that the Indiana State Department of Health recommends but doesn't require would no longer be paid for by the state.

And since insurance doesn't always cover those vaccines, either, health officials worry that could trigger outbreaks of influenza, meningitis and other diseases, an Indianapolis newspaper reported Sunday.

"It can be very devastating if some of our critical vaccines don't make it to our patient population, especially if you have a severe influenza season," Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the Marion County Health Department.

State health officials say federal money used to pay for child vaccinations required or recommended by state law for enrollment in child care, Head Start programs and schools hasn't kept up with the cost. So the state health department may start charging parents for recommended vaccines unless they are poor enough to qualify for Medicaid.

The optional vaccines can range from \$25 to \$90 per shot, and not all are covered by insurance.

The number of vaccines for childhood diseases has more than doubled to 15 during the past two decades, and the cost to full vaccinate a child has soared from about \$45 in 1985 to \$837 in 2006, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While the federal government provides about \$10 million a year to pay for vaccinations, the cost is now nearly \$19 million.

So earlier this month, the state informed county health agencies that beginning next month it would start charging for some vaccinations. The letter said state officials already had approved the rule change, but a State Health Department spokesman said Friday that officials were looking for state money to cover the shortfall. The Family and Social Services Administration already has put in \$1.7 million, said spokesman Erik Deckers.

"The letter we sent out to the health departments basically outlined the worst-case scenario," said Deckers.

The potential change comes amid a resurgence of illnesses that had been thought defeated, such as a mumps outbreak last year in the Midwest. Measles also made a comeback in the 1980s and early 1990s because families had gotten complacent about vaccines, CDC spokesman Curtis Allen said.

Courtney Hardy, an Indianapolis father of four, said he hopes state officials can find the money to keep all vaccinations free.

#### INDIANAPOLIS Helen H. (Dicks) Jones

Helen H. (Dicks) Jones, 92, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at Community Hospital South in Indianapolis. She was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include three children, James M. Davis of Sun City, Ariz., Jack L. Davis of Phoenix, and Michael (Glady) Jones of Greenwood; a stepson, Walton W. Jones of Shoals; four grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three great-stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James Davis; and her second husband, Woodrow R. Jones.

A funeral service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Jessen Funeral Home, 729 U.S. 31 North, Whiteland. Friends may call from 4 p.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Springhill Cemetery in Shoals.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fellowship Baptist Church, 3851 E. New York St., Indianapolis, IN 46201.

#### GREENWOOD Dave McKenzie

Dave McKenzie, 62, passed away Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, in Paducah, Ky. He was a resident of Greenwood.



McKENZIE

He was born Jan. 20, 1944, in Ann Arbor, Mich. He married Judy Everetts McKenzie on May 20, 1967, in Indianapolis; and she survives.

He also is survived by a brother, Jack (Eleanora) McKenzie of Brazil, Ind.; three nephews, Steven, Aaron and Gary McKenzie; and several great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Siebert and Jewel McKenzie.

Dave was employed by Apache as a salesman, and he was formerly employed by Dabney Equipment and Speedway New Holland. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Brazil, Indianapolis Southside Sertoma, Greenwood Sertoma, Greenwood Moose Lodge and the Humane Society of Johnson County.

A funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main St., Greenwood. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. A graveside service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday at Calcutta Cemetery in Brazil.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Johns County, 550 E. Jefferson St., Franklin, IN 46131.

Online condolences may be sent to the McKenzie family at www.wilsonstpierre.com.

#### FRANKLIN Russell Dale McTarsney

Russell Dale McTarsney, 71, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at Homeview Health-care Center in Franklin. He was a lifelong resident of Franklin.



McTARSNEY

He was born Dec. 29, 1935, in Franklin. He was employed by Johnson Memorial Hospital as a custodian, retiring in April 1998 after 24 years. He also had worked for the city of Franklin as a sanitation engineer.

He attended First Assembly of God Church in Franklin and more recently attended Whiteland Church of Christ.

He enjoyed collecting coins, and he was a giving man.

Franklin  
Russell Dale McTarsney, 71  
Billy Leon York, 63  
Greenwood  
Dave McKenzie, 62  
Dorothy I. Russell, 89  
Indianapolis  
Helen H. Jones, 92  
Andrew Levi Snyder, 85

Survivors include his wife, Wilma Davis McTarsney of Franklin; four brothers, Lynn (Rose) McTarsney of Franklin, Charles (Deloris) McTarsney of Columbus, Mickey (Carol) McTarsney of Franklin and Floyd Ron McTarsney of Franklin; four sisters, Delores (Don) Julian of Franklin, June Cobb of Columbus, Delphia (David) Mitchell of Whiteland and Kathy (Roger) Warner of Columbus; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver P. and Charlene McTarsney; and three sisters, Doris M. McTarsney, Darlene McTarsney and Clarice McTarsney.

A funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday at Jessen Funeral Home, Franklin Chapel, 197 E. Jefferson St. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

#### GREENWOOD Dorothy I. Russell

Dorothy I. Russell, 89, passed away Friday, Jan. 12, 2007. She was a resident of Greenwood.



RUSSELL

She was born March 24, 1917, in Martinsville, to the late Perry and Lillie Bell (Bowman) Sloan.

She married Paul L. Russell on June 19, 1937, and he preceded her in death Oct. 26, 1987.

She is survived by a son, Paul R. (Marjorie) Russell of Greenwood; a brother, Sam Sloan; a sister, Barbara Martin; six grandchildren, Chaun M. Ray, Charles (Angie) Russell, Bobbie (Tony) Sciscoe, Cheryl Schuster, Robert L. (Julia) Russell and Craig A. Russell; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lawrence R. Russell; a grandson, Paul I. Russell; three brothers; and two sisters.

Dorothy was a member of Bluff Creek Christian Church.

The Rev. Stan Icenogle will conduct a funeral service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Vandivier-Tudor, Bargersville Chapel, 103 Main St., Bargersville. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Bluff Creek Cemetery in Greenwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bluff Creek Christian

Church, 6286 State Road 144, Greenwood, IN 46143.

Online condolences may be sent to the Russell family at www.wilsonstpierre.com.

#### INDIANAPOLIS Andrew Levi Snyder

Andrew Levi Snyder, 85, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at his residence in Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia A. (Johnson) Snyder; a daughter, Andrea J. (Alan) Law; two brothers, Charles M. and Myron F. "Dick" Snyder; two sisters, Anna Schrimpf and Minnie Young; and a granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis Charles and Myrtle (Broshears) Snyder.

A funeral service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Roberts Park United Methodist Church, 401 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. CST Thursday at Sugarland Memory Gardens in Washington, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to Roberts Park United Methodist Church, 401 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46204, or the Indianapolis Humane Society, 7929 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

#### FRANKLIN Billy Leon York

Billy Leon York, 63, passed away Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at his residence in Franklin.

He was born on April 2, 1943, in the Bugtussle Community in Monroe County, Ky., to Homer L. York and Donnie (Gass) York. His mother survives in Owensboro, Ky. He married Rebecca "Becky" (Sewell) York on June 5, 1965. She lovingly survives.



YORK

Other survivors include two sons, Wayne York of Greenwood and Bobby (Angie) York of Franklin; three grandchildren, Logan York, Quinn York and Catey York of Franklin; and two sisters, Bessie Devine of Owensboro, Ky., and Pearl Gentry of Milwaukee, Wis.

He was preceded in passing by his father, Homer.

He attended school in the Bugtussle Community in Monroe County, Ky.

Billy was a truck driver for 36 years, retiring in March.

He was a member of Garfield Heights Church of Christ in Indianapolis.

The Rev. Ronnie Whittemore will conduct a service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St. in Franklin. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin.

#### Obituary policy

The deadline for submitting obituaries to the Daily Journal is 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Sundays, the deadline is 1 p.m.

## CONCERNS IN CENTER GROVE SCHOOLS

During meetings in December conducted by search consultants from BWP & Associates, teachers, administrators, staff, school board members, parents and the public sounded off about what issues face Center Grove. Here are some of their concerns:

#### Parents and community

Appears athletics are overemphasized at the expense of academics; low number of National Merit Semifinalists; lack of diversity; some students falling through the cracks; technology; and need for district to be more politically savvy

#### School board

Complacency; need for greater focus on academic achievement; more balance in academic and co-curricular programs; improvement in media relations; more focus on students in the middle and low ends of the performance chart; technology; and exposure to diversity

#### Faculty

Lack of goals for organization; lack of elementary resources; lack of alternative school for struggling middle school students; high counselor/student ratio in middle school; low support for low achieving students; morale declining; and too many non-teaching duties

#### Administration

Too many questioned decisions; time spent on board concerns; community complacency; technology; need more focus on lower achieving students; too many staff development initiatives; low salaries; and no money for conferences

#### Support staff

Lack of training to use technology; lack of staff development; funding issues; and staffing levels

#### Students

Scheduling is confusing; and grading scale is different from teacher to teacher and department to department

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and deal well with growth, students said.

- The superintendent should be honest and ethical, detail-minded, politically savvy, visible, energetic, a cheerleader and a visionary, make academics a priority, and be good with public relations, the school board said. Finding a balance between athletics and academics will be a goal for the school board as well as the new superintendent, board president James Copp said.

- A good candidate would be honest, consistent, visible, warm, personable, accessible and diplomatic, speak to staff, be able to set limits, and care about children, the faculty said.

- He or she should be visible in the schools and community, be a good teacher, love children, empower others, be articulate, a risk taker and trusting, and keep the flow of information open, the administration said.

- The new superintendent should be fair, have an open door, be visible, have a sense of humor and be approachable, support staff said.

As the semester winds down, the pool of potential candidates is going to dwindle, Barnes said.

"The pickings get thinner the longer we extend this into the spring, and we don't want that to happen. We want the best choices possible," he said.

If any of the superstar candidates, as he calls them, surface soon, the school board will need to interview them as soon as possible, so they aren't hired by another district, he said.

"These would be people who are no-brainers, people who have led very successful districts, people who no one would doubt fit the qualifications and characteristics," he said.

Barnes said that over the past couple of weeks he has been handing out brochures about the position and recruiting candidates at national school administrator conferences.

He also has sent out information about the opening to every superintendent in Indiana and to every U.S. university with a school administrator program.

The position is also advertised on the search firm's Web site, where the top 10 qualifications for the candidate are listed.



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### A REAL KICK IN THE FACE

A recent review of mouth, jaw, and facial injuries by oral surgeons revealed that 20 percent of the injuries involved amateur soccer players. The most common of these soccer-related injuries were dental fractures, followed by fractures of the lower jaw and problems with the temporomandibular joint (TMJ), which moves the jaws. As for cause, about two-thirds of the injuries occurred when soccer players ran into one another. Other injuries were the result of impact with equipment or the ground. Mouthguards and faceguards could prevent many of these injuries, but soccer players are generally reluctant to wear these protective devices, at least until they suffer an injury. Dentists highly recommend that young athletes not wait that long.

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