

From: [RAISING GREATNESS TV](#)
To: [Damoth, Debbie@DCA](mailto:Damoth,Debbie@DCA)
Subject: Flavor x
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:16:38 AM

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Hello Debbie,

We need to make things easier on parents trying to get our children to medication. Please consider that children are not harmed from it and we want to be sure of our child's safety. But a change is not needed at this time.

Warmest Regards,

Karen Fenderson

From: [kathy_copcutt](#)
To: [Damoth, Debbie@DCA](mailto:Damoth,Debbie@DCA)
Subject: Flavored medicine
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 8:43:19 AM

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Hello Debbie,

I'm reaching out regarding the new bill being submitted, I'm not understanding why this is even an issue! Nothing has happened to warrant a change in regulations! No child has been hurt by flavoring. No parent has complained about flavoring. No medication has been rendered inactive by flavoring. You know better than anyone, the only thing flavoring has done is help children take their medicine when they would otherwise struggle.

This bill needs to be blocked, clearly the person who has brought up this bill does not care about children and wants to torture them. Please take a stand for all children and deny this bill.

Sent from iPhone

From: [Kristin Koska Vacca \(Kristin Koska Vacca\)](#)
To: [Damoth, Debbie@DCA](mailto:Damoth,Debbie@DCA)
Subject: Medicines California board of pharmacy
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:46:42 PM

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Hi Debbie,

Please see my comment below:

To whom it may concern:

I am the parent of a young daughter and she has faced psychological issues with using the bathroom throughout her toddler years. We have tried numerous medications and unless they are flavored, she will gag and spit them out Refusing to take it. It is hard enough to get her to take flavored medicine and she finally will if it's a fruity flavor. There's no way she can take an unflavored medicine with her gag reflexes. She needs medicine for her body to use the bathroom and perform normal body functions. Flavored medicine has helped her go to school and live a normal life. Please consider stories like this from children rely on flavored medicines to function normally. Thank you!

Kristin Vacca

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From: kimberly.manzanares
To: [Damoth, Debbie@DCA](mailto:Damoth,Debbie@DCA)
Subject: Flavored Medicine, CA Board of Pharmacy
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 6:55:42 PM

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Dear Ms. Damoth,

When children don't take their total medicine dosage, as prescribed by the doctor, it can lead to prolonged illness.

Allowing local pharmacies to continue giving children the option to choose their flavoring for the prescribed medication helps them get better sooner.

My child picks the flavoring, and they have a positive relationship with the medicine and they get healthy sooner.

California families have this option now, so why is the Pharmacy Board looking to take this choice away?

If the flavoring is safe, don't make it harder for a parent to care for a sick child.

Thank you.

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From: peonychineseconomist@gmail.com
To: [Damoth, Debbie@DCA](mailto:Damoth,Debbie@DCA)
Subject: Regarding Flavored Medicine - California
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 6:45:16 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

By allowing children to choose the flavor of their medication, we as parents can reduce their stress levels and involve our child in the process of getting better. The act of selecting a flavor becomes associated with taking medicine, creating a positive experience for the child.

Unlike when I was growing up and my siblings and I would spit out our medicine because of its unpleasant taste, today's children have the option to choose from a variety of flavors such as cherry, grape, and watermelon. Removing this option from local pharmacies could lead to incomplete treatment, as many parents struggle with getting children to take their medicine.

Charles Lee

From: [Lien Tran](#)
To: [Damoth, Debbie@DCA](mailto:Damoth,Debbie@DCA)
Subject: Regarding Flavored Medicine - California
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 6:41:26 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

Allowing a child to pick and choose the flavor of their medication reduces the stress for parents and allows my child to be involved in getting healthy. They associate choosing the flavoring with their choice to take medicine.

Growing up, my siblings and I spit out our medicine because it tasted horrible. Now my child can pick cherry, grape, watermelon, or other flavors.

I am afraid that if flavoring medicine was taken away from our local pharmacies, it would result in incomplete treatment. With the high cost of health insurance, most families can't afford to continue paying for new medicine and the deductibles that come with it.

Lien Tran

From: tracy_89dn@yahoo.com
To: [Damoth, Debbie@DCA](mailto:Damoth,Debbie@DCA)
Subject: Local Pharmacies - Flavored Medication
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 4:16:09 PM

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Dear California Pharmacy Board,

Allowing a child to choose the flavoring of their medicine makes it easier for parents to give the medication to young children who cannot swallow pills and are already feeling anxious about being sick.

The flavoring option at our local pharmacies makes taking care of a sick child easier, more positive, and more effective because they are more likely to finish their medicine regimen.

As a parent, I want to ensure that flavored medicine is safe and appropriate for each child, and allowing children to pick their flavoring options is beneficial for many families.

Tracy Tran

From: [Evelin Villa](#)
To: [Damoth, Debbie@DCA](mailto:Damoth,Debbie@DCA)
Subject: Flavored medicine discussion
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 4:09:11 PM

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Pharmacy Board of California

Ms. Damoth,

Please share with the Board of Pharmacy.

Don't take away the ability of local pharmacies from being able to flavor children's medicine.

Flavored medicine can make taking medication a less unpleasant experience for children.

Some children have difficulty swallowing pills, and taking away the flavoring option from local pharmacies can result in a stressful situation for both the child and the parent.

It is already difficult enough to care for a sick child.

Please don't take away our options.

Thank you.

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From: [Miryam Barajas](#)
To: [Damoth, Debbie@DCA](mailto:Damoth,Debbie@DCA)
Subject: Flavored Medicine Discussion
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 4:05:20 PM

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To the California Board of Pharmacy,

One of the most incredible things in my life is being a mom. Raising children comes with many challenges, especially as a single mother and when they are not feeling well.

Please don't make it harder for us parents by taking away the choice to let them choose the medicine flavoring at their local pharmacy.

As a parent, things are hard enough to look for a compounding pharmacy and drive farther when my family's pharmacist is just 5 minutes away.

I urge you to think of the parents of this state and the many hardships and cost of living challenges, and then add on top of that the frustration and helplessness already felt by us parents when caring for a sick child.

Thank you for reading my concerns.

Miryam Mora

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Damoth, Debbie@DCA

From: Autumn Heard <aheard0816@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 3:18 PM
To: Damoth, Debbie@DCA
Subject: Do Not Repeal California Code of Regulations Article 4.5, Section 1735

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Dear Debbie,

As a mother of two young children in the San Diego area, I am asking you not to repeal California Code of Regulations Article 4.5, Section 1735. My oldest child takes medication on a consistent basis that is flavored by our local pharmacy - making it so much easier for him to actually take the medicine he needs without the bad aftertaste. While this may seem like a small issue to some people, it is a big deal for myself and my family. Prior to being offered flavoring for my child's medication we often had to force him to take the medicine which wasn't a good experience for anyone. After adding the flavoring - my child is able to take the medication without any fuss and he even keeps himself on a schedule to take it which is how I know he no longer dreads taking it.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Autumn Heard

Damoth, Debbie@DCA

From: Deanne G <deannegoodman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 9:10 AM
To: Damoth, Debbie@DCA
Subject: Mom Urging the Board to PLEASE keep flavoring children's medications

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Dear members of the California Board of Pharmacy,

I am writing to express my belief that flavoring should be allowed in children's medicines. As you are aware, medicines can be unpleasant to take, especially for young children who can not swallow pills or dislike the taste of certain medications. As a mom of a five year old and three year old, I can not imagine trying to give them medicine that did not taste good to them. Getting the correct dosage is already hard enough when you have a sick child, getting them to take it without flavoring would be near impossible, leading to potential health risks.

No child has been hurt by flavoring. No parent has complained about flavoring. Flavoring does not make a medication less effective, if anything it makes it more effective by helping the child take it as prescribed.

The few times my kids have needed antibiotics or prescribed medications, the flavoring made all the difference. To the point where they wanted the medication! For a child who is not feeling well or has an infection, the last thing you want is the stress of them anxious for needed medication. Being a parent or caregiver of a sick child is already hard, please do not make it harder.

I urge you to consider this issue and take steps to allow the use of flavoring in all children's medications. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Deanne Gustafson
San Diego, CA

Damoth, Debbie@DCA

From: Cristie Ledesma <cmlledesma@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 6:47 AM
To: Damoth, Debbie@DCA
Subject: Flavoring on Medicine!

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Hi! My name is Cristie and a resident of California. I hope this reaches you. My daughter have been using flavoring in her medicine and it really helps us administer the medication needed. She loves grape flavor! Even at 9, she still has sensory and difficulty in swallowing medicine in pill forms and for her to be able take medication, we still need the medication in liquid and preferably in flavored options. I do hope you will consider our story and not remove flavoring in medications.

Thank you

Cristie Ledesma
Simi Valley CA

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From: [Luis Alvarado](#)
To: [Damoth, Debbie@DCA](mailto:Damoth,Debbie@DCA)
Subject: Concerns About Pharmacy Board Discussion Flavored Medicine
Date: Friday, April 14, 2023 3:55:05 PM

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Ms. Damoth,

Please consider the impact this decision could have on the health and well-being of countless children and families and prioritize their needs in your decision-making process.

Taking away our local pharmacy from providing flavored medication options could cause fewer children from following their medicine regime. They could cause them to take a much longer time to get better.

Please think of the parents and their children.

Luis Alvarado

From: [John P. Teague](#)
To: [Damothe, Debbie@DCA](#); [Sodergren, Anne@DCA](#)
Subject: USP<795> CCR 1735 Flavoring in Cali
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Dear Board of Pharmacy Members,

With hopes that my first comment made it to the enforcement and compounding committee, and I hope this one isn't too late to address the full board meeting. Being a licensed pharmacist in the state of California, it's my privilege to serve my community in the capacity of hospital director of pharmacy and proud owner of an independent pharmacy. I've seen the benefits of flavoring making medicine more palatable for the children we treat, and how it relieves one less stressor on a worried parents mind. Being well versed in the USP regulations I understand the direction, but we must also keep in mind the consumers we serve, though I prefer "patients", flavoring isn't harmful. Flavoring just does one simple thing, it improves bitter off tasting medicines making them more palatable, and that has a tremendous impact on children's quality of life. I urge everyone at the Board of Pharmacy: Please don't change your position when it comes to flavoring, I've seen several children benefit from added flavoring to manufactured medications that already contain flavoring.

Thanks,

John Teague, Pharm.D., A.Ph.

Director of Pharmacy
Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District



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