



AVAC Statement on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee

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The Adult Vaccine Access Coalition (AVAC) is concerned about recent changes to the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) Charter that seek to expand its work beyond vaccines and immunization. We urge the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to preserve NVAC's longstanding statutory focus on vaccines, immunization policy, and the prevention of infectious disease through immunization.

For decades, NVAC has served as a vital forum for developing recommendations on a range of important vaccine topics, such as access, confidence, safety, coverage, and delivery. Its purpose is clear: to encourage safe and effective vaccination that protects against preventable disease. Federal advisory bodies work best when they stay within the responsibilities Congress established for them and when their recommendations are informed by relevant scientific and clinical expertise.

Americans deserve evidence-based information and policy recommendations about vaccines, grounded in a transparent process, that serve patients, health care professionals, and immunization programs nationwide. Maintaining strong advisory structures dedicated to immunization helps support access to recommended vaccines, strengthens confidence in the vaccination system, and ensures that health care professionals can continue to counsel patients based on the best available evidence.

Congress established NVAC with a clear mission centered on vaccine safety and access. AVAC urges NVAC to remain focused on its core mission of immunization and vaccine policy. Preserving that focus will help maintain the integrity of the federal advisory process and preserve public and congressional confidence in it.