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## **MEDIATION BRIEFING**

## Vaccination: An important weapon against severe diseases

The Ombudsman has recently addressed the issue of parents who do not wish to vaccinate their children, despite the fact that there are no medical contraindications. In its recommendations addressed to individuals, the Ombudsman notes that in any case the need for vaccinations is underlined by the World Health Organization as the most important weapon against serious diseases which are dangerous for individual as well as public health, thus reducing the morbidity in the general population.

Vaccination is also considered a collective immunity mechanism which is achieved only by the high vaccination coverage of the population. The obligation of vaccinations shall be determined in accordance with the National Vaccination Programme.

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