

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 181**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
220th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman GABRIELA M. MOSQUERA**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Urges CDC to include monoclonal antibodies for respiratory syncytial virus within Vaccines for Children program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** urging the CDC to include  
2 monoclonal antibodies for respiratory syncytial virus within the  
3 Vaccines for Children.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a highly  
6 transmissible, seasonal virus that may cause severe and  
7 unpredictable outcomes for infants, including hospitalization; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Nearly all children will be infected with RSV by age two;  
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, RSV is the leading cause of hospitalization among infants  
11 in the United States; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Most infants requiring hospitalization for RSV were  
13 previously healthy; and

14 **WHEREAS**, RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis and  
15 pneumonia in children younger than one year of age in the United  
16 States; and

17 **WHEREAS**, RSV disproportionately affects infants with Medicaid  
18 coverage, Native Americans, and Alaskan Natives; and

19 **WHEREAS**, The current RSV season has resulted in significant  
20 morbidity and increased mortality; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Monoclonal antibodies show promise as a form of  
22 preventative protection against RSV; and

23 **WHEREAS**, The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is a federally  
24 funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who  
25 might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay; and

26 **WHEREAS**, VFC coverage is critical to ensuring equity in access to  
27 preventative care by making vaccines widely available regardless of  
28 insurance status or income level; and

29 **WHEREAS**, The Legislature respectfully urges the federal Centers for  
30 Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to include monoclonal  
31 antibodies for RSV within the federal VFC program; now,  
32 therefore,

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34 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New  
35 Jersey (the Senate concurring):

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37 1. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
38 is urged to include monoclonal antibodies for respiratory syncytial  
39 virus within the federal Vaccines for Children program.

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41 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
42 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the  
43 Secretary of State to the Director of the federal Centers for Disease  
44 Control and Prevention, the Secretary of the United States  
45 Department of Health and Human Services, and each member of the  
46 United States Congress elected from this State.

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STATEMENT

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3       This resolution urges the federal Centers for Disease Control and  
4 Prevention (CDC) to include monoclonal antibodies for respiratory  
5 syncytial virus (RSV) within the federal Vaccines for Children  
6 (VFC) program.

7       RSV is a highly transmissible, seasonal virus which may have  
8 severe and unpredictable outcomes for infants, including  
9 hospitalization. Monoclonal antibodies show promise as a form of  
10 preventative protection against RSV. The VFC program is a  
11 federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to  
12 children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability  
13 to pay. It is the sentiment of the Legislature that including  
14 monoclonal antibodies for RSV in the VFC program will help  
15 ensure infants and young children have access to preventative  
16 treatment against RSV.