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To: California County/District Superintendents,
School Principals and Nurses,
Child Care Facility Managers

From: California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch

Subject: Pre-2020 Medical Exemptions Written by Disciplined Physicians are Revoked

Date: June 21, 2022

Pursuant to California law, medical exemptions are revoked if they were issued prior to January 1, 2020 by any physician who has had disciplinary action taken by the Medical Board of California or Osteopathic Medical Board of California. (Health & Safety Code, §120372(d)(4)).

Action: If you have any enrollees with medical exemptions, please review the medical exemptions to determine if the following two conditions have been met:

- 1) the medical exemption was issued before January 1, 2020 and
- 2) the physician who issued the medical exemption has had a disciplinary action taken in any year by the Medical Board of California or Osteopathic Medical Board of California.

To find out if a physician has been disciplined, you can look up an issuing physician's name or medical license number on the [list of disciplined physicians](#), updated for Spring 2022, or the Department of Consumer Affairs [license search website](#).

If an exemption meets both conditions, notify the child's parents that the exemption is no longer valid for use at schools or child care facilities. Parents may appeal within 30 days of notification of the revocation using the [instructions and appeal form](#) (Spanish form).

Children whose medical exemptions are revoked for the reasons above must provide updated documentation to their school or child care facility within 30 days of notification or, in the case of an appeal, within 10 school days of notification that the appeal was denied. [Acceptable documentation](#) includes record of receiving required immunizations or a medical exemption issued through CAIR-ME, the [California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption web site](#).

