

TO: EZIZ Users
FROM: CDPH
SUBJECT: California's New School Law: What Health Care Providers Need to Know
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Dear EZIZ users:

Starting January 2014, California's new personal beliefs exemption (PBE) law—also referred to as AB 2109— went into effect. Under the new law, parents seeking a personal beliefs exemption from required immunizations for their children in child care or grade school must document having obtained education about vaccine-preventable diseases and vaccines from an authorized health care provider. The new exemption form is signed by healthcare providers and parents within 6 months of starting school or child care.

Those affected by the new law include students starting public or private child care, kindergarten, or 7th grade in California or transferring from out-of-state. California children already in school who have a PBE on file typically do not need to file a new exemption. While a small number of students entering in January have already requested exemptions, most requests will be filed prior to the first day of class this fall; parents may be approaching you about exemptions more often during the spring and summer.

Information and materials to help providers, schools and parents are now available at www.ShotsForSchool.org, including:

- [Frequently Asked Questions on the PBE Law](#)
- The official PBE form (available in [multiple languages](#)) that health care providers and parents need to sign
Please note: This form can be downloaded at your office, at schools or by parents at home
- [Resources](#) for parents and providers on vaccine-preventable diseases and the benefits and risks of immunizations

A webinar with more detailed information about the new law will launch soon. More details regarding the webinar will be emailed to you in the coming weeks.

For the latest information regarding school immunization requirements in California, visit www.shotsforschool.org. If you have additional questions or concerns not addressed on shotsforschool.org, please contact the California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch at info@shotsforschool.org.