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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: Update on Pre-2020 Medical Exemptions to Required Immunizations –  
Correction to June 21, 2022 List of Disciplined Physicians

Date: August 19, 2022 (revision of June 21, 2022 letter)

To recap, medical exemptions to required immunizations for pupils at schools or child care facilities are revoked if issued prior to January 1, 2020, by any physician who has had disciplinary action taken by the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California (California Health & Safety Code, §120372(d)(4)).

**Update:** The list of disciplined physicians accompanying the June 21, 2022, letter has been updated. The prior list inadvertently included a limited number of physicians (listed on page 2 of this letter) who have pending accusations but who have not yet been disciplined by the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California. While the accusations are pending, medical exemptions issued before 2020 by the physicians listed on page 2 remain valid if the exemptions met all other criteria required at the time of admission, as described in [FAQs 19 and 20 at this link](#).

**Action:** If you have any enrollees with medical exemptions, please review their 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 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 may look up an issuing physician's name or medical license number on the [list of disciplined physicians](#), updated for Summer 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If an exemption meets both conditions, notify the child's parents that the exemption is no longer valid for use at schools or child care facilities.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](#).

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Table: Physicians incorrectly included on the June 21, 2022, list of disciplined physicians. While accusations are pending, medical exemptions issued before 2020 by the following physicians remain valid if the exemptions met all other criteria required at the time of admission, as described in [FAQs 19 and 20 at this link](#).

Physician	License #	Physician	License #
Akanno, Jonathan, E	A61907	Liao, Benedict, S	A30083
Altamirano, Joseph, R	G63870	Mark, Ester, S	A55272
Attary, Akbar	C50255	Matthews, Oscar, A	A24880
Baquero, Victor, H	A70124	Mokhlesi, Ali	C51972
Buchbinder, Maurice	A38176	Multani, Pramod	A38056
Castillo, Manolito, V	A67937	Nasir, Muhammad, R	A44253
Chang, David, W	G74257	Nowzari, Farhad, B	A71464
Choi, Edwin, H	A54943	Olsen, Jeffrey, D	G69571
Cook, Mark, D	A60965	Pallas, Robert, S	A32895
Cunanan, Francis, D	A81356	Park, Peter, H	G67513
Emory, Warden, H	C31807	Robicheaux, Grant, W	A108059
Fakhraei, Pirouz	A119144	Rose, Barry, M	A38658
Garcia-Chuapoco, Rowena	A51290	Sax, Jordan, M	A124969
Gingerich, Sheldon, E	G53642	Schwab, Mark, H	A104792
Gross, Howard, M	G61854	Sheikh, Firdos, S	A50704
Hall, Susan, J	A76766	Sirajullah, Mohammad	C51163
Holscher, Donna, A	G59568	Talleyrand, Jean, L	A61572
Horowitz, Kim, J	A42396	Tamarin, Mark, W	A38807
Kim, Chong, U	A54806	Tang, Lawton, W	A104375
Lee, Lester, L	A40840	Vang, Tou, C	A83557
Lehfeldt, Max, R	A80511	Vigor, Carey, M	G43860
Leung, Martin, C	G39648	Wisner, Gary, R	A41236
Li, Quinn	A87986	Zarrabi, Mirali	A64722