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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

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](#).

If an exemption meets both conditions, notify the child's parents as soon as possible to let them know that the exemption will no longer be valid for use at schools starting at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year or at child care facilities starting September 1, 2021.

If parents think their child's medical exemption does not meet both conditions, they can appeal within 30 days of notification of the revocation using the [instructions and appeal form](#).

Children whose medical exemptions are revoked for the reasons above must provide updated documentation to their school or child care facility prior to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year for schools, or September 1, 2021 for child care facilities. [Acceptable documentation](#) includes record of receiving required immunizations or a medical exemption issued through the [California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption web site](#).

