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To: Schools and child care facilities
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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 has been updated on the CDPH website. Schools and child care facilities are advised to also confirm a physician's disciplinary status on the Department of Consumer Affairs [license search website](#), as described below.

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 use the updated list or look up an issuing physician's name or medical license number on the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) [license search website](#) ([License Verification Sample | MBC](#)). You may contact the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California with questions about a physician's license status. In addition, schools and child care facilities may consider using the Medical Board's [mobile application](#) to receive license alert notifications.

If an exemption meets both conditions, notify the child's parents that the exemption is no longer valid for use at schools or child care facilities.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 [appeal 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](#).