

EXEMPTIONS - WHAT MEDICAL PROVIDERS NEED TO KNOW FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WHAT ARE THE EXEMPTION TYPES AND CARDS REQUIRED FOR THE SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION RULE?

Medical exemption

A child shall be exempted from immunization requirements upon certification by a licensed doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy verifying that the immunization would seriously endanger the child's health or life or the child has documentation of laboratory evidence of immunity to the disease.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services form Imm.P.12 must be on file at the school with the immunization health record for each child. This exemption is not renewed annually.

In progress

Section 167.181, RSMo provides that students may continue to attend school as long as they have started an immunization series and satisfactory progress is being accomplished.

A Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services form Imm.P.14 must be on file at the school with the immunization health record for each child. Failure to meet the next scheduled appointment constitutes noncompliance with the school immunization law and exclusion should be initiated immediately. Refer to subsection (1) (A) of the rule regarding exclusion of students in noncompliance.

WHO CAN PROVIDE THE EXEMPTION CARDS?

Medical exemption cards can be obtained from a Local Public Health Agency or by a licensed doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy. The medical exemption must be signed by a physician.

In progress cards can be obtained from a Local Public Health Agency or a licensed doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy. The in progress card must be signed by a physician, public health nurse, or designee.

The in progress card should not be completed by the school nurse as he/she is not administering the immunization and scheduling the follow-up appointment.

HOW CAN THE EXEMPTION CARDS BE ORDERED?

Exemption cards can be ordered from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance web site at health.mo.gov/immunizations/orderform2.php

IS THERE RESOURCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO EDUCATE PARENTS REGARDING EXEMPTIONS?

Yes, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has developed the following fact sheets:

Medical Exemption: What You Need To Know
health.mo.gov/immunizations/pdf/816.pdf

Children In Progress: What You Need To Know
health.mo.gov/immunizations/pdf/822.pdf

