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To: School Superintendents, Principals and Child Care Center Directors  
CC: School Nurses

Re: Medical Exemption Pilot Project

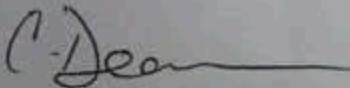
In light of Senate Bill 277 being implemented this year, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department is initiating the Medical Exemption Pilot Project. We are directing all schools and childcare centers to fax all Medical Exemptions (permanent or temporary) submitted for the 2016-2017 school year to the Immunization Program. This will enable a comprehensive review of each exemption by the Health Officer and Immunization Program staff. Our purpose is to collect and analyze data, identify any Medical Exemption not meeting SB 277 criteria, and provide helpful information to physicians issuing such exemptions. Our secure fax number is (805) 346-7232.

If a Medical Exemption is determined to not meet SB 277 criteria and is therefore ineligible, we will contact your school. If you do not receive such notification, please assume the submitted Medical Exemption is acceptable.

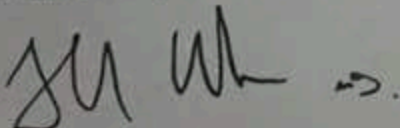
As a HIPAA- exempt entity our Immunization Program routinely requests and reviews vaccination records from schools and medical providers. Providing these documents to the Public Health Department via our secure fax line is not a violation of HIPAA.

Thank you for your leadership and partnership in implementing Senate Bill 277. Together we promote a safe and healthy community. Please contact the Immunization Program at (805) 346-8420 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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