

## THE STATUTE

The Public Health Code Act 368 of 1978

Exemptions. MCL §333.9215

(1) A child is exempt from the requirements of this part as to a specific immunization for any period of time as to which a physician certifies that a specific immunization is or may be detrimental to the child's health or is not appropriate.

(2) A child is exempt from this part if a parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of the child presents a written statement to the administrator of the child's school or operator of the group program to the effect that the requirements of this part cannot be met because of religious convictions or other objection to immunization.

## THE RULE

## MDHHS - Communicable and Related Diseases Rules

## Administrative Rule 325.176 (12)

When presented with a medical exemption, religious or other exemption, the administrator of a child's school or operator of a child's group program shall recognize the exemption status of the child. Each nonmedical exemption filed at the child's school or group program of a child entering a program after December 31, 2014 shall be certified by the local health department that the individual received education on the risks of not receiving the vaccines being waived and the benefits of vaccination to the individual and the community. All waivers shall be submitted using the waiver form prescribed by the department

Administrative Rule R 325.171 (a) defines the term "local health department" as "the local health department that has jurisdiction where an individual who has a disease or condition that is required to be reported resides or the local health department of the county in which the service facility is located."

Administrative Rule R 325.176 (b) defines "exemption" as "a temporary or permanent waiver of 1 or more of the specific immunization requirements for medical, religious, or other reasons."

\* Bolded print indicates the amendment made to Rule 325.176 (12)