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Proposed Changes in Childhood Immunization Required Regulations

7 AAC 50.450 Amending Health in Child Care Facilities regulations to add mumps, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, varicella (chickenpox), and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) vaccinations to the list of required vaccinations; to eliminate an international immunization certificate as an acceptable immunization record; remove the requirement that an authorized health care provider's signature be notarized; and to add physician assistants and advanced nurse practitioners licensed in Alaska as professionals authorized to exempt children from immunization requirements. The proposed changes would take effect after July 1, 2001. Under ch. 58, SLA 1999, this section will be renumbered as 4 AAC 62.450 as of Register 154, July 2000.

7 AAC 50.455 Amending Health in Full Time Care Facilities regulations to add mumps, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, varicella (chickenpox), and *Haemophilus influenzae* type B (Hib) vaccinations to the list of required vaccinations. The proposed changes would take effect after July 1, 2001.

4 AAC 06.055 Amending Immunizations Required regulations to add mumps, hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccinations to the list of required vaccinations; to eliminate an international immunization certificate as an acceptable immunization record; to remove the requirement that an authorized health care provider's signature be notarized; to clarify that requirements apply to all children upon school entry; and to add physician assistants and advanced nurse practitioners licensed in Alaska as professionals authorized to exempt students from immunization requirements. The proposed changes would take effect after July 1, 2001.

Any person interested may present written comments relevant to the proposed action by writing to Commissioner's Office, Department of Education & Early Development, Attn: Regulations Review, 801 West Tenth Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, so your comments are received no later than July 21, 2000.

Any interested person may present comments relevant to the proposed action, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed action, in person at a hearing to be held in the Frontier Building, Room 515, 3601 C Street, Anchorage, AK, at 5:00 p.m. on June 14, 2000. The hearing will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 8:00 p.m. who do not have an opportunity to testify. Also, any oral testimony may be presented on June 14, 2000 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. by calling toll free 1-800-315-6338 (you will be asked to enter a 4-digit code: 374#). Public comment may also be submitted electronically by sending an e-mail message to: jesse_kiehl@eed.state.ak.us.

Copies of the proposed regulations may be viewed on website www.eed.state.ak.us or by writing to: Section of Epidemiology, Attn: Luann Younker, PO Box 240249, Anchorage, AK 99524-0249; phone: 907-269-8000, fax: 907-561-6588.

After the close of public comment the Commissioner of Health and Social Services and the State Board of Education will either adopt these or other proposals dealing with the same subject without further notice or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may vary from that of the proposed regulations. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.