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To: Child-care and Accommodation Facility Directors;

Re: Medical Exemption-Provider Signature Clarification

The Nevada State Immunization Program is releasing this letter to clarify the type of medical providers that can write/sign medical exemptions to the immunizations required for child care or accommodation facility entry by Nevada law. Per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 432A.250, if a medical condition of a child will not permit the child to be immunized against the diseases required by NRS's 432A.230, 432A.235, and NAC 432A.500-505, then a signed written statement from a licensed physician or an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) is required. The only permissible signers include a licensed doctor of medicine (M.D.), a licensed doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) (including homeopathic physicians), or a licensed APRN.

The Program clarified with the Nevada Attorney General Office that other types of medical providers, such as chiropractors or naturopathic doctors, are not provider types which meet the definition of "licensed physician" under these NRS and therefore cannot write medical exemptions.

For further information regarding the regulatory requirements for medical exemptions to required immunizations, please contact Shannon Bennett, Nevada State Immunization Program Manager at sbennett@health.nv.gov or (775) 684-2225.

Sincerely,

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