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## **POLICY ON CHILD'S HEALTH EXEMPTION TO IMMUNIZATION**

### **AS APPLIED TO SCHOOL CHILDREN**

**Indiana Code 20-8.1-7-2.5 as added by the 1976 Indiana General Assembly states:**

**"Exception for Child's Health. If any physician certifies that a particular immunization is inapplicable for that child until it is found no longer detrimental to the child's health, the requirement of this chapter for that particular immunization is inapplicable for that child until it is found no longer detrimental to the child's health."**

A written document, signed by the physician, must state that a particular immunization is contraindicated for a child because it is detrimental to the child's health. This Indiana State Department of Health policy requires that a written statement be verified by the school personnel each year until it is found that the particular immunization is no longer detrimental to the child's health.