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Dear Child Health and Disability Prevention Program Directors, Deputy Directors, Medi-Cal Consultants, County and District Superintendents, and Charter School Administrators:

Information for Local Educational Agencies and School Districts on the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program Transition

Effective July 1, 2024, the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program was discontinued. Historically, local CHDP programs have worked collaboratively with schools to inform families about obtaining and utilizing quality health care services. Schools have been required to gather information about the health examination and the Report of Health Examination for School Entry (PM 171 A) at kindergarten entry. Parents or guardians who do not want to or are unable to obtain a health examination for their child have completed the Waiver of Health Examination for School Entry (PM 171 B).

Changes after the CHDP Program Transition:

- **Physical Exam Requirement:** After the CHDP program transition, it will no longer be a requirement for school-aged children to have a physical exam before enrolling. Therefore, the PM 171 A and PM 171 B forms should be used as optional resources rather than mandatory forms.
- **Form Administration:** Any edits to the previous CHDP program forms titled PM 171 A and PM 171 B submitted after June 30, 2024, will be administered by the California Department of Education (CDE) and no longer under the CHDP program.

Impact on Schools and Families:

Schools should update their enrollment processes to reflect these changes and inform parents and guardians that the health examination is no longer mandatory but recommended as an optional step for ensuring children's health and readiness for school. The PM 171 A and PM 171 B forms will remain available for families who wish

to use them as a resource.

Additional Resources and Support:

For more detailed information about the CHDP program transition, please refer to the CHDP Program Transition Plan. Schools and local educational agencies are encouraged to review this plan to understand the full scope of the transition and how it affects school health policies.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please submit your questions or comments to the California Department of Health Care Services at CHDPprogram@dhcs.ca.gov or the CDE Office of School-Based Health Programs at OSBHP@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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