

**Child Health Examination Code
77 Ill. Adm. Code 665**

Proposed Rule Amendments Summary

This rulemaking proposes changes to the vaccination requirements for children and students. Specifically, the proposed rulemaking revises vaccination intervals allowed for meningococcal vaccination among children in 6th and 12th grades and strengthens polio vaccination requirements for children entering kindergarten in the 2016-17 school year. The proposed vaccination revisions are supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

This rulemaking also seeks to implement P.A. 99-249 which requires parents and legal guardians seeking a religious exemption for child and student health examinations and immunizations to complete and submit a Certificate of Religious Exemption. This rulemaking provides the formal criteria for use of the Certificate and sets forth the processes by which schools will handle the Certificate.

This rulemaking further seeks to add provisions of the Immunization Code, 77 Ill. Adm. Code 695, which is being repealed. The Child Health Examination Code and the Immunization Code nearly mirror each other. Rather than having two redundant regulations, IDPH is proposing to repeal the Immunization Code and insert its provisions into the Child Health Examination Code to create a one master rule covering child health examination and immunization requirements.