

## **School Based Health Center & School Nursing Admissions Requirements**

Chapter 23 of the PA School Code (**Student Health Services**) and also PDE/DOH regulations for health services reimbursement to the school mandates the following services and/or medical documentation for each student:

1. **Annual physical exam - required upon entry into the school district, and 6th and 11th grade** (9<sup>th</sup> grade in SDP public schools)
  - Only physicals dated August 1st of the **previous** calendar year and forward can be accepted as required
2. **Annual dental exam – required upon entry into the school district, and 3rd and 7th grade**
  - Only dental exams dated February 1st of the **current** calendar year and forward can be accepted as required (semi-annual exam)
3. **Pediatric Immunizations required as a condition of attendance at school (below) – reported on kindergarten, 7th and 12<sup>th</sup> grade**
  - Letter from PCP required for medical exclusion, signed letter from parent/guardian for religious exemption
  - Admission is provisional until school nurse verifies receipt of all vaccines and doses
4. **School Based Health Center Consent**
  - Consent required for health services delivered by health center nurse practitioner.
5. **Physician Prescription for Medication Administered at School**
  - Renewed prescription and parent consent to administer at school must be submitted each new school year

## **PA State Law**

### **New Immunization Requirements beginning August 2017**

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday) usually given as DTP, DTaP DT or Td
- Tdap tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis due in 7th grade
- 4 doses of Polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given) **The 4th dose is a new requirement.** A 4th dose is not necessary if 3rd dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
- 2 doses of MMR measles, mumps, rubella (1st must be after 1st birthday)
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 2 doses of Varicella (1st dose must be after 1st birthday)
- MVC meningococcal conjugate vaccine 1st dose in 7th grade, 2nd dose 12th grade. The 12th grade dose is a new requirement. If one dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the 12th grade dose.