

MEDICAL EXEMPTION FOR REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

The Medical exemption statement is on the back of the Blue Certificate of Immunization form -- Form No. HES-101

MCA 20-5-405 states:

When a parent, guardian, or adult who has the responsibility for the care and custody of a minor seeking to attend school, or the person seeking to attend school, if an adult, files with the governing authority **a written statement signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in any jurisdiction of the United States or Canada stating that the physical condition of the person seeking to attend school or medical circumstances relating to him indicate that some or all of the required immunizations are not considered safe** and indicating the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstances which contraindicate immunization, he is exempt from the requirements of this part to the extent indicated by the physicians statement. The statement must be maintained as part of the person's immunization records.”

[\(If the physician provides a letter instead of completing section IV on the back of the HES101, all the required/listed questions must be answered.\)](#)

MCA 37-3-305 - Under Qualifications for Licensure states:

A person may not be granted a physicians license to practice medicine in this state unless the person: Is a graduate of an approved medical school as defined in 37-3-102.

MCA 37-3-102 - **An approved medical school is a school which either is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association** or conforms to the **minimum education standards** established by the council on medical education of the American Medical Association or successors for medical schools or is equivalent in the sound discretion of the board...

[This means that only an MD or a DO can sign a medical exemption. If a naturopathic or chiropractic provider, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant believes that a child should be medically exempted - they must refer to an MD or DO to complete a medical exemption.](#)