



## North Carolina Health Assessment Legislation

Effective: 2016-2017 School Year

### What is this?

The New Health Assessment legislation takes the place of the Kindergarten Health Assessment requirement which was previously in affect. Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, **State law** requires that every child entering public schools in N.C. for the very first time; receive a health assessment (check-up/physical). The assessment must occur within 12 months prior to entering school. The medical provider, parent or guardian must provide a completed health assessment transmittal form to the school upon enrollment.

### Who will this affect?

- All Kindergarten students
- Any student (K-12) moving from another state and enrolling in a NC public school for the very first time
- Any student (K-12) previously homeschooled and enrolling in NC public school for the very first time
- Any student (K-12) previously attending a private school in NC that did not require a NC health assessment and the student has never been enrolled in a NC public school

### Frequently Asked Questions:

- *If my child has had a physical in the last 12 months by our physician, will this be accepted?* **YES- As long as the physician will fill out the NC Health Assessment form and record when the physical was completed and provide appropriate signature; this will be accepted.**
- *What if I do not have a physician in NC yet?* **Please talk with your school nurse and she will give you names of providers in your area.**
- *What if I do not have insurance or my insurance coverage is not effective at this time?* **Please talk with your school nurse regarding possible resources**
- *How long do I have to get the Health Assessment form completed?* **You must have the Health Assessment form completed BY the 30<sup>th</sup> calendar day from the date of enrollment.**