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SB 714

**Give Governor Newsom what he asks for, make him promise to sign...
Add a Catch 22 clause that brings EVERY doctor under review immediately....
Check Mate by Senator Pan**

Sacramento – According to the LA Times Melody Gutierrez’s tweet on September 3, 2019, Governor Newsom requested four amendments to SB276¹. In SB714, the companion bill to SB276, he got those and quite a bit more. What comes under the guise of grandfathering in, actually is new language that will require EVERY medical exemption submitted next school year to be dated after January 1, 2020. It also requires a NEW medical exemption EVERY time the child is admitted or readmitted to school AND the current Kindergarten and 7th grade check points. For private and parochial schools, that’s every year if parents sign an annual contract. For public school, that is at pre-school, TK, K, middle school, 7th, high school. Every child who currently has a valid medical exemption under SB277 will have to get a NEW medical exemption at least 6 times in their school career, and most in this next year.

All medical exemptions written and rewritten in a year will fall within the magic number 5 that trigger physician review, and will be at the financial expense of the doctor rather than the patient, per SB276. SB714 singles out EVERY doctor. Senator Pan just called check mate on the entire medical profession that does medical exemption evaluations, not just those who are supposedly writing fake medical exemptions. That on top of a video released last week Parents for Healthcare Rights showing that most practices won’t even consider doing a medical exemption evaluation, even for a child that nearly died from a vaccine (<https://youtu.be/yNNVVCqqVLM>). SB 714 is going after the legitimate doctors who have written legitimate medical exemptions.

This all comes at a time when California has a huge physician shortage². Does the CMA and the California Medical Board really condone these latest amendments, sending legitimate physicians to the chopping block, while guaranteeing injury of hundreds if not thousands of children, whose parents will have to go against doctor’s orders and vaccinate their children to stay in school?

“We ask the Assembly Members and Senators voting on SB 714 this week, to really understand the far reaching ramifications of this new language and vote No or Abstain on SB714. There will be children in each of their districts who currently have valid medical exemptions who will not be able to find a

¹ <https://twitter.com/melodygutierrez/status/1169075104384311296>

² <https://www.mercurynews.com/2019/08/20/paging-more-doctors-californias-worsening-physician-shortage/>



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doctor to write an updated ME, whose parents will be left with the only option being to vaccinate against their doctors orders. There are children living in their districts that have a 100% likelihood of having a serious adverse reaction somewhere between dose #1 and #59. Is the legislature's goal with Medical Exemptions to bring EVERY physician who has ever issued a medical exemption under review within the first year, OR is it to ensure every child that needs a medical exemption will get one? SB714 was put together extremely quickly and the ramifications of this hasty language could be devastating. The legislature needs to stop and consider the lives of medically fragile children they have in their hands", said Christina Hildebrand, President of A Voice for Choice Advocacy, a key healthcare rights and informed choice organization leading the opposition in the Capital.

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