

### Medical Exemptions Meeting ACIP Guidelines

- "Check box form" should be used (Form 3987).
- Most current copy of the form can be found on our website at [www.immunizenc.com](http://www.immunizenc.com)
- Exemptions meeting ACIP guidelines DO NOT need to be submitted to the Immunization Branch for approval.

### Medical Exemptions That Do Not Meet ACIP Guidelines

- Use narrative form "Physician's request for medical exemption" (Form 3995)
- Submit to the Immunization Branch with supporting documentation.
- State Health Director's designee reviews and determines whether exemption is granted.
- Families have 30 days to appeal decision

### Don't Forget!

- Medical Exemptions can only be signed by a physician (MD/DO) licensed by the medical board to practice in NC.
- If a PA, NP, or CNM sign, must be co-signed by a physician.
- All requests for medical exemptions on Form 3995 sent to IB must have a copy of the child's shot record attached.

### Religious Exemptions

- No form for religious exemptions
- State does not approve or disapprove
- Should not be submitted to the Immunization Branch
- Written documentation of bona fide religious objection should be placed in the child's medical and school records.
- Any resident has the right to claim a Religious exemption