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Applicable to:

The following facilities required to be licensed under the Child Care Act of 1969: Child Care Institutions, Maternity Centers, Day Care Centers, Group Homes, Foster Family Homes, Day Care Homes, Group Day Care Homes, and Child Welfare Agencies

Question:

Is a parent required to state his or her religion in the request for as waiver of the immunization requirement?

Response:

When a parent provides a written request for a waiver of immunizations, physical examinations or medical treatment because they conflict with the beliefs or tenets of his or her religion, the parent is not required to specify the name of the church or religious organization of which he or she is an adherent.