**Section 665.450 Waiver of Dental Examination Requirement**

*Children who show an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist* shall receive *a waiver* from the requirement for a dental examination. (Section 27-8.1(1.5) of the School Code) With the notice required in Section 665.410, the school or district shall provide notice of the availability of a waiver from the dental examination requirement, and shall include a Department-prescribed form that may be used to demonstrate the child's eligibility for a waiver.

a) For the purposes of this Section, an undue burden or lack of access to a dentist includes, but is not limited to, the following circumstances:

1) The child is enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program and is not covered by private or public (Medicaid/KidCare) dental insurance.

2) The child is enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program and is ineligible for public insurance (Medicaid/KidCare).

3) The child is enrolled in Medicaid/KidCare, but the parent or guardian is unable to find a dentist or dental clinic in the community that is able to see the child and accepts Medicaid/KidCare.

4) The child does not have any type of dental insurance, and there are no low-cost dental clinics in the community that will see the child.

b) The dental examination waiver form shall be submitted to the school by May 15 of the school year. If the dental examination waiver form is not submitted by May 15, the school may hold the child's report card until the dental examination waiver form is submitted.

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