

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE

HISTORY: We are working with many organizations to improve the health and wellness of our community. Our initiative is a combined effort including Quinn Healthcare, The Mississippi State Medical Association, The Mississippi Academy of Pediatrics, The Mississippi Academy of Family Medicine, area school districts and others. This initiative resulted from a clinical encounter over five years ago involving a patient for treatment of a rash on the neck. The child's father agreed to the physical exam after it was very strongly encouraged by my staff, who was informed that the child had not had a physical in over five years. The child's rash was treated, and he did well on the physical but failed the vision test. He was referred to an optometrist and prescribed eyeglasses. A year later, the mother and child returned to the clinic for his scheduled yearly physical. The mother informed me that prior to the last year's physical, the child was performing very poorly in school and having severe behavior problems, because it was unknown that the child could not see clearly. She reported that he would act out, when asked to read from his textbook or the presentation board; he would then be referred to the principal's office. She happily reported that her child was now performing very well in school, and noted to have significantly improved behavior, with increased confidence, mainly because he could now see with prescribed eyeglasses. The child informed me that he now plans to become a doctor just like me.

LEGISLATIVE COLLABORATION: In 2017 this experience led me to become motivated and pursue a bill to make it a law that our state, which does not require physicals for all children, become a state with this legal requirement. After numerous meetings with local school leaders, we decided to compromise on a law which resulted in an amendment to the current school registration, required by law for parents to complete prior to the upcoming school year. This amendment would include phrasing on the registration form to allow parents to initial, acknowledging that they understand the highly recommended encouragement for physical exams. The bill did not receive enough votes and did not make it out of committee. **The bill will be reintroduced to the Mississippi Legislature in January 2022.** (Bill submission attached.)

We worked with the MS House of Representatives and Representative Chris Bell, passing a Resolution declaring the month of August 2018 as "Take Your Child for a Medical Check-up Month"; and the House of Representatives concurring with a Resolution in 2019. Also, we received a Resolution from Jackson, MS City Council in 2018. We received Proclamations from Governor Phil Bryant and U. S. Representative Bennie Thompson during 2018. (Resolutions and Proclamations attached.)

PARTNERSHIPS: Our Children's Health Initiative teamed with the Mississippi State Medical Association, The Mississippi Academy of Pediatrics, The Mississippi Academy of Family Medicine, United Healthcare, and Jackson Public Schools. We started a pilot project in **2017** with Murrah High School. We developed and initiated an essay contest for the students, where the students were asked to write 300 words or more why they feel physical exams are important. We addressed the student body and parents, at the school year Plans Information meeting, stressing the importance of children getting physicals as part of our information campaign. (Letter of Support, Dr. Errick L. Greene, Supt. Jackson Public Schools attached.)

We continued our Initiative in **2018-2019** school year with Calloway High School, Jackson Public School District; and Terry High and Raymond High School, Hinds County School District, participating in the essay contest to increase health awareness. During **2019-2020**, the following districts and schools participated: Murrah High, Callaway High, Chastain Middle, Kirksey Middle, McLeod Elementary (JPS); Terry High, Raymond High (HCSD); Ridgeland High (MCSD). COVID-19 closures resulted in postponement until the Fall of 2021. All participating School Districts, Head Start, New Vineyard Academy and Jerusalem Christian Academy will be participating during the **Fall of 2021**. **Elementary students will be our participating population for a Poster Contest this school year.** United Healthcare and Merit Health will be providing posters for the students to show why they think yearly physicals are important. Mississippi PTA, Jackson State University, and the Boys & Girls Club of Jackson are also actively involved in our project this school year. We plan to continue our work with other local school districts during the Spring 2022. (Letters of Support from Jackson Public Schools, Hinds County School District, Madison County School District, MS PTA, and Jackson State University attached.)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 532

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JULY 2019 AS "TAKE YOUR CHILD FOR A MEDICAL CHECKUP MONTH," AND COMMENDING THE WORK OF DR. TIMOTHY QUINN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY IN PROMOTING WELLNESS AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE.



WHEREAS, many young Mississippi children and teens fall ill due to chronic or acute disease that could have been prevented by early diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi children are known to be more likely than their peers nationally to suffer from a wide range of debilitating diseases, including obesity, asthma, diabetes, metabolic syndrome, seizures, mental health problems and learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, yearly medical checkups are recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for all school-age children; and

WHEREAS, yearly medical checkups allow medical providers to diagnose possible health problems in children and to treat those health problems in the early and most easily treatable stages of the disease or condition; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research pointing to better outcomes for children suffering from medical, psychological, dental, vision, learning or other developmental problems with early diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, with early diagnosis and treatment of these problems, Mississippi children will have a better chance to live full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi Physician Dr. Timothy Quinn, the Mississippi State Medical Association, the Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, and Jackson Public Schools have worked together to create the Jackson Public Schools pilot School Health Initiative to encourage school-age children to learn about the importance of yearly medical checkups; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quinn was the recipient of the 2018 Mississippi State Medical Association (MSMA) "Excellence in Wellness Promotion Award" for his leadership and work in promoting the importance of children getting annual medical checkups. The MSMA Excellence in Wellness Promotion Award recognizes physicians who promote public health and wellness in a unique and effective manner to make a difference in the lives of others. Dr. Quinn spearheaded a pilot project with Callaway High School this year and Murrah High School last year to encourage parents to take their high-schoolers in for preventive checkups. The House of Representatives recognized those efforts in the 2018 Regular Session, and Dr. Quinn will be continuing and expanding those efforts in 2019, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, schools, local communities, state businesses, physicians and state health providers, government assistance programs, and citizens share the burden of an unhealthy population; and

WHEREAS, we urge the health care and education committees to provide positive outcomes for the health and wellness of Mississippi's youth, thereby improving the lives of all Mississippi citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That the month of July 2019 be recognized as "Take Your Child for a Medical Checkup Month," and commend the work of Dr. Timothy Quinn for his leadership and advocacy in promoting wellness and preventive health care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Dr. Quinn and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE

January 22, 2019




LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TATE REEVES
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 28, 2019



PHILIP GUNN
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



SENATOR JOHN HORN, DISTRICT 26



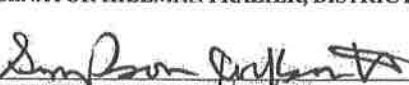
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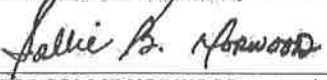
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SENATOR ROBERT JACKSON, DISTRICT 11



SENATOR SAMPSON JACKSON, DISTRICT 32



SENATOR SOLLIE NORWOOD, DISTRICT 28



SENATOR DERRICK SIMMONS, DISTRICT 12





RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI IN SUPPORT OF ENCOURAGING JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO INFORM PARENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL AND EYE EXAMINATIONS.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi resolves to support the recommendation of encouraging Jackson Public Schools to inform parents of the importance of having comprehensive medical and eye examinations; and

WHEREAS, obesity contributes to most major chronic disease in the state such as heart disease, diabetes, and certain cancer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that it is important for children to receive proper health assessments; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Public Schools is encouraged to include a letter of acknowledgment in each student's registration packet requiring the parent's signature signifying that they understand the importance of comprehensive medical examinations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi supports the proposed initiative to encourage parents to provide comprehensive health assessments for their children.

done this the 9th day of October, 2018

**De'Keither Stamps
Council Member Ward-4
Jackson, Mississippi**

PROCLAMATION
GOVERNOR BRYANT

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, many young Mississippi children and teens fall ill due to chronic or acute disease that could have been prevented by early diagnosis; and

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WHEREAS, with early diagnosis and treatment of these problems, Mississippi children will have a better chance to live full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, schools, local communities, state businesses, physicians and state health providers, government assistance programs, and citizens share the burden of an unhealthy population; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Medical Association, the Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, and Jackson Public Schools have worked together to create the JPS pilot School Health Initiative to encourage school-aged children to learn about the importance of yearly medical check-ups;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim August 2018 as

TAKE YOUR CHILD FOR A MEDICAL CHECK-UP MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 6th day of July in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-third.

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR



Hello Dr. Timothy Quinn,

I want to thank you for joining us during the 2021 MS PTA virtual convention on June 3rd.

We know that your time is precious and we are grateful that you decided to spend part of your Saturday with us to discuss the health and well being of our children.

From your years of experience in medicine we would like for you to be our Health Care advisor for the 2021-2022 school year.

We would like to know if you are interested in periodically sharing your expertise on children's care as our statewide MS PTA medical advisor by video on our social media platform page. You would be welcome to share general medical information and insights with the statewide PTA community. As our advisor on important children's health care topics we can discuss what best fits your schedule and interests.

Perhaps a monthly online advisory (or more frequently should your schedule allow, or when a major issue should be addressed). You could introduce your colleagues in other medical specialties for children as you provide information to families statewide. I would be interested in hearing your ideas on what parents need to know to have children who are healthy and ready to learn.

We are thankful for your service and commitment to our children and our communities and look forward to working with you in service to our children and families..

Annita Bonner

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MS PTA President



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October 7, 2021

Dr. Timothy Quinn
Quinn Healthcare
768 N. Avery Blvd.
Jackson, MS 39157

Dear Dr. Quinn,

As a partnering organization with the Children's Health Initiative, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi strongly support your efforts to increase health awareness and to reduce health disparities in the children of our state. One of the tenets of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi is healthy lifestyles, therefore, we are always seeking more ways to ensure that the young people we serve have accessibility to not only information to make the right decisions, but availability healthcare as well.

We are grateful for you and your team for making health awareness your platform and we look forward to doing our part to help bridge the gap.

Sincerely,

Penney L. Ainsworth, MSW
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Errick L. Greene, Ed.D.
Superintendent



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February 13, 2019

Timothy Quinn, M.D.
Quinn Healthcare
768 N. Avery Blvd.
Jackson, MS 39157

Dear Dr. Quinn:

On behalf of Jackson Public Schools, I strongly support your initiative to require the parents or legal guardian of each child enrolling in the public schools of this state to sign a statement acknowledging receipt of notice of the importance that their child receives a yearly comprehensive medical exam.

Currently in our state, yearly physical exams are not mandatory for our students. Many students suffer from health barriers to learning. Some of these health barriers can include less than optimal vision, hearing, dental, and other medical conditions common to our youth. Other barriers can include conditions such as attention deficit disorder, dyslexia, depression, various personality disorders, and anxiety. Chronic medical conditions including hypertension and diabetes are more common in our state due to our greater number of youth being diagnosed as overweight. In most cases, these conditions can be diagnosed during a yearly comprehensive physical exam. Once diagnosed, the child can be treated with a greater likelihood of an improved performance academically.

We recognize that the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention all recommend yearly physicals for our youth.

As a Family Practice Physician, your involvement in this initiative is highly appreciated. Including the essay contests that require students at Murrah High School and Callaway High School to write why physicals are important for our youth has been beneficial to our students. JPS looks forward to continuing to work with you in helping our community achieve better health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Greene", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Errick L. Greene, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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October 3, 2019

Timothy Quinn, M.D.
Quinn Healthcare
768 N. Avery Blvd.
Jackson, MS 39157

Dear Doctor Quinn:

I write on behalf of the Hinds County School District in regards to your efforts to increase awareness of the importance of health physicals and your efforts to help reduce health disparities in the state of Mississippi among young people.

The Hinds County School District is interested in participating in your essay contest on the importance of physicals and how they can reduce health disparities among young people in our community and state. Beginning this year, students in the Hinds County School District are required to do a monthly writing assignment from the superintendent's office. Research shows that teachers who give students assignments requiring authentic intellectual work see greater gains on standardized tests. Such work is similar to the type of problem solving that adults face in their everyday lives and helps prepare students to be critical, analytical thinkers.

If accepted, we look forward to participating in the essay contest to increase awareness about the importance of physicals, eliminating health disparities in our community and achieving health equity.

Sincerely,

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Delesicia Martin, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Education
Hinds County School District



March 29, 2019

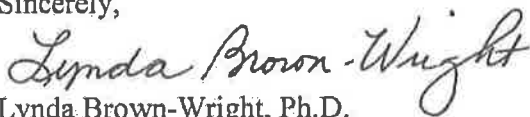
Timothy Quinn, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Quinn,

As Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, I am honored to submit this letter of support in your efforts to increase awareness of the importance of health physicals and your efforts to help reduce health disparities in the state of Mississippi among young people. Jackson State University is committed to collaborating with you to increase awareness about the importance of physicals, eliminating health disparities in our community and achieving health equity.

You have made an incredibly positive impact in our community and we look forward to working with this project. If I can provide further assistance and/or information, please contact me at lynda.brownwright@jsums.edu.

Sincerely,


Lynda Brown-Wright, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President

Division of Academic Affairs

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PROCLAMATION
CONGRESSMAN
THOMPSON

A Proclamation

Honoring the work of

Dr. Timothy Quinn

"TAKE YOUR CHILD FOR A MEDICAL CHECK-UP MONTH"

WHEREAS, Mississippi physician, Dr. Timothy Quinn, MD is a family medicine physician and has been practicing for 15 years, focusing on preventative care and traditional medicine, and is certified in family medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quinn realized that many young Mississippi children and teens fall ill due to chronic or acute diseases that could have been prevented by early diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quinn encourages young Mississippians to schedule for check-ups because it is important to discuss screenings and exams needed. This will avoid the suffering from a wide range of debilitating diseases including obesity, asthma, diabetes, metabolic syndrome, seizures, mental health problems, and learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quinn, is working together with schools, local communities, state businesses, physicians, state health providers, government assistance programs, and citizens to eliminate the burden of an unhealthy population and is taking actions to find solutions to encourage medical check-ups to be done yearly; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quinn believes health and wellness are the true keys to a successful chance of living a longer and a healthier life, and with early diagnosis and treatment of these problems, Mississippi children will have a better chance to live full, productive lives and will empower the community through education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Timothy Quinn, the Mississippi State Medical Association, the Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, and Jackson Public Schools have worked together to create the JPS pilot School Health Initiative to encourage school-aged children to learn about the importance of yearly medical check-ups.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that I, BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
MEMBER OF CONGRESS, am honored and privileged to present this proclamation
honoring *DR. TIMOTHY QUINN* for his recognition in the "*TAKE YOUR CHILD*
FOR A MEDICAL CHECK-UP MONTH" and for the support and dedication you have
displayed to the youth of Mississippi on this, the 14th day of August, Two Thousand and
Eighteen.

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Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress

RESOLUTION
MS HOUSE 2018

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2018

By: Representative Bell (65th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2018 AS
2 "TAKE YOUR CHILD FOR A MEDICAL CHECK-UP MONTH," AND ENCOURAGING
3 CITIZENS OF THE STATE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS OBSERVANCE.

4 WHEREAS, many young Mississippi children and teens fall ill
5 due to chronic or acute disease that could have been prevented by
6 early diagnosis; and

7 WHEREAS, Mississippi children are known to be more likely
8 than their peers nationally to suffer from a wide range of
9 debilitating diseases including obesity, asthma, diabetes,
10 metabolic syndrome, seizures, mental health problems, and learning
11 disabilities; and

12 WHEREAS, yearly medical check-ups are recommended by the
13 American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family
14 Physicians, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for
15 all school-aged children; and

16 WHEREAS, yearly medical check-ups allow medical providers to
17 diagnose possible health problems in children and to treat those



18 health problems in the early and most easily treatable stages of
19 the disease or condition; and

20 WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research pointing to
21 better outcomes for children suffering from medical,
22 psychological, dental, vision, learning or other developmental
23 problems with early diagnosis and treatment; and

24 WHEREAS, with early diagnosis and treatment of these
25 problems, Mississippi children will have a better chance to live
26 full, productive lives; and

27 WHEREAS, schools, local communities, state businesses,
28 physicians and state health providers, government assistance
29 programs, and citizens share the burden of an unhealthy
30 population; and

31 WHEREAS, Mississippi physician Dr. Timothy Quinn, the
32 Mississippi State Medical Association, the Mississippi Chapter of
33 the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Mississippi Academy of
34 Family Physicians, and Jackson Public Schools have worked together
35 to create the JPS pilot School Health Initiative to encourage
36 school-aged children to learn about the importance of yearly
37 medical check-ups; and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to provide
39 positive outcomes for the health and wellness of Mississippi's
40 youth, thereby improving the lives of all Mississippi citizens:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
42 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING



43 THEREIN, That the month of August, 2018, be recognized as "Take
44 Your Child for a Medical Check-Up Month."

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
46 furnished to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.



2017 BILL SUBMITTED
NOT PASSED
RESUBMIT 2020

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2017

By: Representatives Bell (65th), Paden,
Holloway, Karriem

To: Education; Public Health
and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 591

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-15-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A CHILD ENROLLING IN THE
3 PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE TO SIGN A STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING
4 RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF IMPORTANCE THAT THE CHILD RECEIVES A MEDICAL
5 AND DENTAL PHYSICAL IN ADDITION TO THE NEED FOR HAVING HEALTH
6 INSURANCE COVERAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 37-15-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
7 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-15-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 37-15-9. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) and
12 subject to the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, no
13 child shall be enrolled or admitted to any kindergarten which is a
14 part of a public school during any school year unless such child
15 will reach his fifth birthday on or before September 1 of said
16 school year, and no child shall be enrolled or admitted to the
17 first grade in any public school during any school year unless
18 such child will reach his sixth birthday on or before September 1
19 of said school year. No pupil shall be permanently enrolled in a
20 public school in the State of Mississippi who formerly was



21 enrolled in another public or private school within the state
22 until the cumulative record of the pupil shall have been received
23 from the school from which he transferred. Should such record
24 have become lost or destroyed, then it shall be the duty of the
25 superintendent or principal of the school where the pupil last
26 attended school to initiate a new record.

27 (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3) of this
28 section, any child who transfers from an out-of-state public or
29 private school in which that state's law provides for a
30 first-grade or kindergarten enrollment date subsequent to
31 September 1, shall be allowed to enroll in the public schools of
32 Mississippi, at the same grade level as their prior out-of-state
33 enrollment, if:

34 (a) The parent, legal guardian or custodian of such
35 child was a legal resident of the state from which the child is
36 transferring;

37 (b) The out-of-state school from which the child is
38 transferring is duly accredited by that state's appropriate
39 accrediting authority;

40 (c) Such child was legally enrolled in a public or
41 private school for a minimum of four (4) weeks in the previous
42 state; and

43 (d) The superintendent of schools in the applicable
44 Mississippi school district or the principal of a charter school,



45 as the case may be, has determined that the child was making
46 satisfactory educational progress in the previous state.

47 (3) When any child applies for admission or enrollment in
48 any public school in the state, the parent, guardian or child, in
49 the absence of an accompanying parent or guardian, shall indicate
50 on the school registration form if the enrolling child has been
51 expelled from any public or private school or is currently a party
52 to an expulsion proceeding. If it is determined from the child's
53 cumulative record or application for admission or enrollment that
54 the child has been expelled, the school district or charter school
55 may deny the student admission and enrollment until the
56 superintendent of the school, or his designee, or principal of the
57 charter school, as the case may be, has reviewed the child's
58 cumulative record and determined that the child has participated
59 in successful rehabilitative efforts including, but not limited
60 to, progress in an alternative school or similar program. If the
61 child is a party to an expulsion proceeding, the child may be
62 admitted to a public school pending final disposition of the
63 expulsion proceeding. If the expulsion proceeding results in the
64 expulsion of the child, the public school may revoke such
65 admission to school. If the child was expelled or is a party to
66 an expulsion proceeding for an act involving violence, weapons,
67 alcohol, illegal drugs or other activity that may result in
68 expulsion, the school district or charter school shall not be



69 required to grant admission or enrollment to the child before one
70 (1) calendar year after the date of the expulsion.

71 (4) (a) This subsection shall be known and may be cited as
72 the "Our Children's Health Impacts Our Future Law."

73 (b) When any child applies for admission or enrollment
74 in any public school in the state, the parent, guardian or child,
75 in the absence of an accompanying parent or guardian, shall
76 indicate on the school registration form acknowledging receipt of
77 notice of importance that the child receives a medical and dental
78 physical in addition to the need for having health insurance
79 coverage. The registration form shall include the following
80 statement with a box to be checked by the parent or legal guardian
81 acknowledging informed notice by the school: "By checking this
82 box, I am acknowledging that it is highly encouraged and important
83 that my child, whom I am registering for enrollment in this
84 school/school district has a medical and dental physical, and to
85 be enrolled in a health insurance plan of coverage, if he or she
86 has not already done so." The parent or legal guardian of the
87 child shall be required to sign the acknowledgment at the start of
88 each academic school year. If a child transfers between school
89 districts and it is determined from the child's cumulative record
90 or application for admission or enrollment that the child's parent
91 or legal guardian has failed to sign the acknowledgment at the
92 time of enrolling the child in the previous school district, the
93 new school of enrollment shall communicate notice of the required



94 acknowledgment along with the statement of acknowledgment to the
95 parent or legal guardian as soon as possible upon discovery of the
96 failure in order to complete the child's enrollment.

97 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
98 amended as follows:

99 37-15-11. Whenever any minor child seeks or applies to
100 enroll or gain entrance to any public school in this state, and
101 the child is not accompanied by an adult or is accompanied by an
102 adult who is not the child's parent, guardian, if a legal guardian
103 has been appointed for the child, or legal custodian, the school
104 official or officials or teacher to whom the child applies or
105 reports for enrollment or admission may delay consideration of the
106 enrollment or enlistment of the minor child and require the
107 child's parent, legal guardian or legal custodian to accompany the
108 child and apply for enrollment and admission into the school for
109 and on behalf of the minor child. The child's parent shall comply
110 with the requirement for an acknowledgment of receipt of notice of
111 importance that the child receives a medical and dental physical
112 in addition to the need for having health insurance coverage
113 prescribed in Section 37-15-9(4).

114 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
115 and after July 1, 2017.



QUINN HEALTHCARE, PLLC

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Dear Parent of Our Future Scholar,

Physical Exams for children are vital in ensuring our children's success academically and socially. Children's physical exams detect problems that children don't always have success articulating to adults. This can result in problems in school and social situations. Examples include children who have vision problems in class who may misbehave because they are unable to see the whiteboard. These children may be labeled as "deviant" due to an undiagnosed health problem. In many cases, these treatable issues can be diagnosed and treated during routine medical exams. This results in fewer educational barriers! With most insurances covering 100% of the costs for children's physicals, this means no out-of-pocket costs for mom and dad!

We are so excited about our opportunity to extend our health initiative to your family.

Each young scholar is being asked to use their creative skills to draw, color, paint and/or paste cut-outs on the poster board provided. The theme of the presentation must articulate why physical exams are important. Examples could be a picture of a child receiving a physical exam, exercising, or any other artistic display of good health!

There will be multiple prizes given, **including \$300, \$200, and \$100** prizes for students who participate!!

We wish your family the best of luck and health!!!

Thank you,

Timothy Quinn, MD

MS Children's Health Initiative Founder

COMING SOON!!!!

CALLAWAY HIGH SCHOOL

ESSAY CONTEST

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WHY ARE YEARLY PHYSICALS IMPORTANT?

Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

