



Attention All Children's Social Workers, Parents and Caregivers

The New California State Law AB 354, effective 7/01/11, mandates that all Students entering into the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades for this academic year 2011-2012 must have the Tdap, whooping cough vaccination prior to starting school.

AB 354 states the Parent or Caregiver must present:

- **Medical Proof of the Tdap booster/ vaccine before starting school or**
- **Medical Proof that the student had already received the vaccine on or after their 10th birthday.**
- **Applies to all public and private schools.**
 - *The law does not affect students already enrolled in summer school, but will apply to the same students entering 7-12th grade at the start of the regular school year.*
- **For the year 2012-2013 and proceeding years, children entering 7th grade will be required to show proof of having received the Tdap vaccine.**

It is very important for all Social Workers, Parents and Caregivers to maintain a copy of the vaccine in case of replacement or moves into new school districts. We encourage all Social Workers to obtain a copy from the Parent or Caregiver, scan it and save it in the child's case notes as well have the vaccine documented in the child's medical notebook.

If a child received a Tdap before entering kindergarten they are still required to have the adolescent Tdap booster on or after their 10th birthday.

For further information CSWs can consult with the regional office's Public Health Nurses or go to www.getimmunizedca.org.

Thank you for your immediate attention and action, DCFS' Education Section.