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**Public Hearing WAC 246-100-166
Washington State Board of Health**

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WAC 246-100-166

- Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases



This presentation will:

- Explain proposed changes to WAC 246-100-166 and their rationale



Proposed Change 1: Add Pneumococcal to the list of vaccine-preventable diseases

- TAG recommendation accepted by Board in October 2007
- Vaccine protects children against bacterial pneumonia and meningitis, otitis media (middle ear infection) and sinusitis.
- Vaccine for children 2-15 months of age



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National Immunization Survey: Washington PCV-7 Rates

- In calendar year 2007, rates for 19-35 month old children were:
 - 3 doses – 87%
 - 4 doses – 74%
- With adoption of rule by 2011, DOH expects:
 - 4 doses to rise to 90% for 19-35 month old children



Proposed Change 2: Update the reference to the ACIP Schedule

- Change the reference to the ACIP Schedule Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule from 2007 to 2008
- Technical update only
- Keeps rule in synch with current immunization references



Proposed Change 3: Re-codify the rule into 9 sections

- Every year we need to update the rule's reference to the ACIP schedule
- With this change, we can use an exception rule process for the schedule update AND
- Have the flexibility to make a number of policy changes at the same time



Proposed Clarification: Define a Certificate of Exemption

- Clearer information for parents
- May curtail convenience exemptions
- More closely parallels RCW language



Proposed Clarification: conditional status

- Students with an incomplete CIS can be put in conditional status
- We have further refined the language since we submitted the CR-102



If approved today, two of these changes will be effective January 1, 2009

- Re-codification
- 2 Language Clarity Changes



If approved today, two of these changes will be effective July 1, 2009

- Addition of vaccine-preventable pneumococcal disease
- ACIP schedule update



These 2 changes are effective July 1, 2009 because it:

- Allows schools and childcare centers adequate time to prepare for implementation
- Correlates with our state fiscal year for vaccine purchasing

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