

My name is Elizabeth Tucholski, I am writing on behalf of myself and my husband regarding our three children who all have complicated medical conditions as well as Autism Spectrum Disorder. In March of 2016 my children received medical vaccine waivers from our neurologist, they each were fully vaccinated up until this point. The waivers were turned in to each of our school systems, which were Lyle A. Torrant in the Birth to three and zero to six programs, and Paragon Charter Academy in Jackson, MI. I heard nothing from the Health Department in Jackson until September of 2016, to which I was told my sons waiver did not have a date on it and it was now invalid. I reached out to our physician again and received a new dated medical vaccine waiver and turned it in to the school.

Approximately four months later I received a call from Lyle A. Torrant stating that the Jackson County Health Department had denied my sons waiver due to his exemption reason and he could no longer receive home or school based services such as his physical and occupational therapy, he was just over one year old. I contacted the Doctor at the Jackson County Health Department immunization clinic responsible for "approving" the waivers. He stated that he had the ability to deny waivers based on his own interpretation of the exemption reason and that Jackson County Health Department only accepted medical waivers that had exemption reasons that were listed on the CDC contraindications for vaccination list. He also pointed out the bottom asterixis line on Form DCH-0713 which says "\*\*Condition of acceptance is based on local health department policies." At this point I thought I had no other choice as we were in the middle of an Autism Diagnosis Evaluation through the school system, so I obtained a philosophical waiver on 03/06/2017 but was not required to do any of the education or appointments other than the signing of the waiver because I was an "informed parent."

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My now 2-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter both have confirmed genetic Megalencephalic Leukoencephalopathy with subcortical cysts type 2B followed by a Neurologist at U of M and an additional Neurologist who specializes in Immunological issues. Both have diagnosed abnormal brain waves and in turn are at a substantial risk for seizures, both have Autism Spectrum Disorder as well as with other physiological development delays in speech and fine and gross motor as well as apraxia and hypotonia. Our six-year-old daughter who also has a medical waiver, has a confirmed Auto-immune disease and is currently receiving treatment along with her 5-year-old sister and 2-year-old brother who also have confirmed auto-immune disease.

Today 11/29/17 I received a call from my daughter's school NW Early Elementary in Jackson County that her medical waiver is also denied as of today because it does not have an exemption reason that is listed on the CDC's contraindications to vaccines list. I was told she had to now have a philosophical waiver within two weeks per the Health Department or she is excluded from public school. I have found no where in Michigan law, or on the Jackson County Health Department website that exemptions are required to be listed on the CDC's contraindications list to meet approval qualifications. I am a responsible parent and we refrain from activities in school or otherwise when my children are ill, I always make sure they are seen by a doctor for illnesses that persist more than 48 hours. I believe Jackson County is in violation of the law and our parental rights, the health department does not have a full medical history or record on any of my children and are not responsible for them.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth and Kristopher Tucholski