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Health Assessments for Children in the
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North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Development of Health Assessment Transmittal Form for
2016-2017

Health Assessments for Children in the Public Schools

SL 2015-222, (HB13)

Historical Background

In 1985, the General Assembly passed a requirement that every child entering kindergarten in the public schools receive a health assessment pursuant to 130A-440 and 130A-441 of the General Statutes. In 2015-2016, health assessment results for entering public school kindergarten students are required to be submitted to the school principal on health assessment transmittal forms developed jointly by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Instruction.

Legislative Actions of the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session 2015

During the 2015 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina, current health assessment law was amended to include “each child in this State who is presented for admission into kindergarten *or a higher grade in the public schools for the first time.*” Additionally, the amended legislation mandates “*the only health assessment transmittal form utilized by the public schools shall be the form developed pursuant to G.S. 130A-441,*” specifically, developed jointly between Departments and required for use in the 2016-17 school year. Content for the required form is also specified in the revised law.

Implementation Status to Date

The Departments of Health and Human Services and Public Instruction have established a committee charged with the task of revising a health transmittal form drafted by the Division of Public Health that follows specifications of HB13 contained in Session Law 2015-222. The committee completed its review of the form revision in mid-November. After legal staff and/or leadership of both departments ensure the form’s full compliance with the law, it will be made available via the Division of Public Health website in January, 2016 for school use in the 2016-2017 school year.