


Arkansas Better Chance/School Success  
Policy Update 1/2009-10 

**Subject: Health Screening Requirement**

Due to the current health concerns with H1N1 and seasonal flu, **the required date of completion for health screenings will be extended this year.**

ABC Rules and Regulations (8/02/07) state the following regarding this requirement:

15.08: **Within 45 days of the first day of attendance**, every child shall receive an age-appropriate health screening, which includes a hearing and vision test, performed by a licensed physician or physician assistant. Programs should contact DCCECE for information on seeking a waiver under AR Code Ann. 6-18-701 (Repl. 1993). Programs shall work in partnership with parents to obtain health screening information.

Based on reports that physicians are inundated with patients due to the seasonal flu and the concerns surrounding H1N1, the date will be extended to **December 31, 2009**.

If there are extenuating circumstances within your community, please contact your ABC Program Specialist to discuss further options.