



## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **RE-CERTIFICATION PROCESS AMENDED**

At its meeting of Thursday, October 8, 2009, the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) Board of Directors amended its Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE) Form and related By-Law provisions, effective immediately.

The most substantive change to the CIPPE Form is the elimination of the old Section 6, which required a complete re-evaluation before a student could participate in interscholastic athletics in subsequent sports seasons in the same school year.

A re-certification is now necessary only for those students who sustain an illness and/or injury that require medical treatment from a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine since the completion of the CIPPE. In addition, the student is not required to go back to the original Authorized Medical Examiner who performed the CIPPE, nor is the student required to have a complete re-evaluation.

If a re-certification is required, the reviewing physician may issue either a "general clearance," with no limitations on further participation, or a "limited clearance," with specified limitations on further participation, as deemed appropriate by the physician.

The revised CIPPE is available on the PIAA Web site at the following link:

<http://www.piaa.org/resources/forms/default.aspx>

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