

7 AAC 27.022(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(7) the rabies vaccination of a dog required by this subsection may be deferred during each period, not to exceed 12 months, for which a veterinarian authorized to practice in the state finds that in the veterinarian's professional opinion that the vaccination is contraindicated due to the dog's medical condition, and signs the Certificate of Deferral of Rabies Vaccination, dated March, 2010, which is adopted by reference, provided by the department, to indicate that the vaccination is contraindicated due to the dog's medical condition; the following standards must be met for an exemption under this paragraph:

(A) the dog for which the deferral is sought has a medical condition as the result of a disease, illness, or regimen of therapy, or other physical condition for which, in the opinion of the veterinarian, a rabies vaccination is contraindicated;

(B) the veterinarian signing the certificate has examined the dog and issued the opinion required by (A) of this paragraph;

(C) the veterinarian completes and signs the veterinarian statement on the Certificate of Deferral of Rabies Vaccination;

(D) the owner of the dog signs the Certificate of Deferral of Rabies Vaccination;

(E) the veterinarian maintains the signed certificate as part of the dog's medical record and provides a copy to the owner of the animal;

(F) the period of the deferral is limited to the anticipated duration of the medical condition but not more than 12 months following the date of the veterinarian's examination of the dog; a new certificate must be signed for each additional period for which the vaccination is medically contraindicated;

(G) upon request of the department or an appropriate local animal control agency, the veterinarian must provide a copy of the certificate to the department or the animal control agency.

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**Authority:** AS 18.05.010 AS 18.15.355 AS 47.05.012

AS 18.05.040 AS 18.62.245

**Editor's note:** The form for the certificate described in 7 AAC 27.022(a)(7) is on file with the Lieutenant Governor's Office and is available from the section of epidemiology, division of public health, Department of Public Health, State of Alaska, 3601 C Street, Suite 540, Anchorage, AK 99524-0249