PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR FAMILIES ABOUT THE VACCINE OBLIGATION FOR THE SCHOOL / EDUCATIONAL YEAR 2017/2018

The decree decree-law 7 June 2017, no. 73, converted with amendments by the law of 31 July 2017, into no. 119 addressing the obligation and extension of the vaccination coverage, brings to ten¹ the number of compulsory and free vaccinations for children aged between zero and sixteen years (i.e. 16 years and 364 days), including unaccompanied minors for the same age group, according to the specific instructions contained in the national immunization calendar in force in the year of birth, as in the following list:

• Anti-polio;

• Anti-diphtheria

• Anti-tetanic

• Anti-hepatitis B

• Anti-pertussis

• Anti-Haemophilus influenzae type B

• Anti-measles

• Anti-rubella

• Anti-mumps

•Anti-chicken pox (only for those born from

1/1/2017)

The Law 119/2017 provides that the child is in good faith if:

- has carried out the vaccinations provided for by the national vaccination schedule by age
- is exempted from one or more vaccinations for a previous illness (natural immunization²)
- is exonerated for temporary or permanent health reasons
- even not having completed the vaccination cycle, he has begun the vaccination recovery route as proven by the reservation at the vaccination center.

In order to simplify the USR procedures, ANCI and Tuscan Local Health Agencies have signed on 24 August 2017 an agreement for the following procedure:

- 1) The schools and educational services shall provide the lists of the enrolled in ASLs responsible for the territory by 31 August 2017;
- 2) The ASL will verify the vaccination status of each enrolled and will activate by contacting families of those who are not in correct order for their regularization (see Circular No. 25233 of 16-8-2017 Circolare n. 25233 del 16-8-2017 of the Ministry of Health)
- 3) At the outcome of the aforementioned course, ASL will notify the school and educational structures concerned of the names of the enrolled who are not in correct order for the subsequent determination of the case.

In anticipation of the assessments on the frequency of all the enrolled, continues according to the usual procedures.

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In the conversion into law of Decree of the Government, they are no longer compulsory but **strongly recommended** and for this reason ASL offers actively and free of charge **anti-meningococcal C vaccines**, **anti-meningococcal B**, **anti-pneumococcal**, **anti-rotavirus** vaccines.