

## Physicians Exempt from Vaccine Passport Ban

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SB 2006, the emergency management bill recently signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis, prohibits business entities, governmental entities and educational institutions in Florida from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination in certain situations. Commonly referred to as the "vaccine passport ban," this provision in SB 2006 states that any business operating in this state "may not require patrons or customers to provide any documentation certifying COVID-19 vaccination or post-infection recovery to gain access to, entry upon, or service from the business operations in this state."

Physicians should note that this provision does not apply to them or to their practices, as the bill specifically exempts healthcare providers from the vaccine passport ban.

Physicians, hospitals, healthcare clinics and other healthcare providers can continue to adopt vaccination policies that are best suited for their individual situations.

If you have any questions concerning SB 2006 or would like more information on the vaccine passport ban, please contact the FMA General Counsel's office at legal@FLmedical.org.