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This is in reference to proposal IRRC #3147, which makes changes to title 28, chapter 23 of the Pennsylvania Code.

I do not agree that parents should be required to immunize their children if they are homeschooled, especially with a 5 day provisional period! If a parent decides to delay immunizations they should have more time (60 days) to develop a plan for their children to receive the required vaccines without being required to obtain a form from their doctor in order to do this. Also, Section (19) of the regulatory analysis form says the Department has removed the proposal requiring parents to provide a history of immunity to varicella (chickenpox) from a physician, certified registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. The text of the final-form proposal, however, still includes language that would not allow parents to provide such a statement. As noted in section (19), this proposal represents the greatest potential cost increase to parents and guardians. This proposal was not recommended by the Joint State Government Commission's report. Further, varicella vaccination rates are already meeting the Healthy People 2020 Target Vaccination Rates, according to the Commission's report. A parental statement regarding history of immunity to varicella should continue to be Accepted.

Sincerely,
Janelle Reese