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Greetings,

I am a homeschooling parent in PA and have some concerns regarding proposal IRRC #3147, which makes changes to title 28, chapter 23 of the Pennsylvania Code.

**Regarding mandatory electronic reporting:**

*The current proposal requires home education programs to report immunization data to the Department electronically, and it makes no provision for using a paper form. While the proposal specifically gives public, private, parochial, or nonpublic schools the ability to use a paper form if they are unable to report electronically, no such provision is included for home education programs. Home education programs already attest to immunizations on their yearly affidavit. **I feel the notarized affidavit should be sufficient to attest to required medical care, including doctor-recommended immunizations.** Should this proposal go into effect, home education programs should also have the ability to report on paper forms.*

**Regarding reduced flexibility for provisional admittance to school:**

*Under the proposed changes, parents who choose to delay immunizations will not have enough flexibility in obtaining the required vaccines. Five days is far too short a provisional period. One can rarely get a same-week appointment at a busy medical practice for pretentative care within five days. Parents 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.*

Thank you for your time in reading and considering my concerns.  
Blessings,  
Jennifer Story