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As a school nurse in the Commonwealth, I support the recommended changes to Chapter 23, Subchapter C. Requiring all students attending school to be immunized at the start of every school year will allow nurses to focus time and efforts on other important school nursing duties. Currently, with the 8 month provisional period, school nurses are sending multiple written notices and making phone calls in an attempt to gather all required immunization documentation. This year, I had to contact some parents up to 10 times before they submitted documentation of the required immunizations. It would be very helpful if ALL Pennsylvania providers were required to record all immunizations given in the state SIIIS directory. Many times, the student has had the required vaccination but we do not have the proper documentation. Parents are often charged a "form fee" when they request a print out of their child's immunization record at a time other than their regular well child check.

I support eliminating the "philosophical" exemption category. Having this option only increases the number of students without adequate immunization and therefore puts compromised students at greater risk.

Thank you for your input request and the time that you took to review my comments. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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