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I wanted to comment on the proposed changes to immunization requirements. I am in favor on lessening the provisional enrollment period. Not only will it help increase immunization rates but it will be less work if school districts do not have to follow up with families every 2 months for 8 months. However I feel requirement on the 1st day of school for 7th grade Tdap and MCV and 12th grade MCV is not realistic especially if this was to begin 2016-17 school year. I think 30 days after the start of the school year would be more realistic due to:

1. Paperwork including contact number and names is not back from students on the first day of school. This would be a major obstacle in calling to inform parents.
2. Then the amount of work to get all the demographic forms back and organized to call all the parents while the school nurse is getting new school year medication forms and setting up for students to receive daily and PRN medicine, physicals that may include the updated immunizations, dentals, sports physicals, immunization updates, Individual health plans and distributing needed student health information to faculty - there would need to be extra help allotted to be able to just get through the forms by the first days to see if student even had the needed immunizations and make parent aware if they did not. I would recommend extra pay allotted for school nurse to do this work. School nurses are not contracted to work in the summer.

I would recommend that any approved changes would be put into effect 2017-18 school year. This would allow time needed to educate families and student physicians regarding the changes. I also think there needs to be much time and education provided by the Dept of Health of physicians regarding the new recommendations.

Question - for 12th grade requirement of MCV - if the student didn't have a first dose of MCV (possible reasons - retained a grade after 7th grade, transfer from outside PA school, or some reason another PA school missed or didn't enforce 1st dose) would student be required to have one MCV or 2 doses (if 2 doses what is the minimum interval between doses)?

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