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Proposed Immunization Regulations

Ms. Findley,

Thank you for taking our comments, concerns and suggestions. I am happy to see the proposed regulations that would eliminate the eight month provisional period. My concern is that a five day provisional period would not give Certified School Nurses adequate time to insure proper immunization status for all students involved. The CSNs are quite busy and overwhelmed those first days of school with managing chronic health issues, medications, and assisting student transition to a new school year. Many CSNs are working near the 1:1500 nurse student ratio and are "maxed" out.

I will ask you to consider a 60-90 day provisional period to give CSNs adequate time to insure proper immunizations for all students, inform and educate parents, and for physicians to come onboard with the new guidelines. I fear that if parents are given only a 5 day provisional period I would see a rise in moral/ethical exemptions just so the child would not miss any school. The parents would then forego the immunizations altogether.

Thank you for this consideration. Sincerely,

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