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Mrs. Findley,

Happy that the new regulations are getting rid of the 8 month provisional since it is a nightmare for the CSN's. Letters and phone calls, don't make a difference in parents following through with the requirements. Exclusion is the only thing that makes people act. Anyway, looking forward with the proposed regulations, I feel the need to get the word out to my 6th grade students about the need to get their mandated PE's in with the mandated 7th grade immunizations usually given during that visit. I have read the new regs but have a question about how the State is looking at Tdap. Next school year, I can exclude any 7th grade student from starting who doesn't have the Menactra. Since many of these students will also need the Tdap - I should get both immunizations taken care of with the exclusion for Menactra.

I am not sure how the State is addressing a student just needs the Tdap vaccine for 7th grade. Page 9 - under regulated community - second to last paragraph - " With respect to pertussis, the antigen is merely added to an existing vaccination requirement, that of diphtheria and pertussis, so that rather than counting another vaccine, schools would be required to account for a different version of the vaccine." It almost sounds like the Tdap is should be counted as part of a series. The other question with this sentence is that "existing vaccination requirement, that of diphtheria and pertussis" - should this be diphtheria and tetanus - for pertussis isn't an existing requirement. Please advise.

Since the need for proof of pertussis isn't addressed until 7th grade, I would hope that a student would be excluded from starting 7th grade without it and not given 5 days. It would make the life of the CSN easier but also allow certified school nurses to send out ONE simple message to parents. I believe this is key.

Let me know what the interpretation is regarding Tdap.

Thanks,

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