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Dear Cindy Findley:

Regarding proposal IRRC #3147, which reduces flexibility for provisional admittance to school, parents are not required to immunize their children until they are admitted to school (which includes attendance at a homeschool program). Under the proposed changes, parents who choose to delay immunizations will not have enough flexibility to obtain the required vaccines. Five days is far too short a provisional period and there may be danger in requiring too many vaccine doses in a short period of time. Parents should have more time, possibly 60 days, to develop a plan for their children to receive the required vaccines.

Regarding changes to documenting a prior history of chickenpox, many parents, for good reason, may decide not to take their child to the doctor when the child is infected by varicella (chickenpox). These children should not be required to receive the vaccine as they have natural immunity. A written statement from the parents should be enough evidence to demonstrate a history of chickenpox.

Sincerely,

April Alling