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Good day,

I am writing to voice my disapproval of proposal IRRC #3147, which makes changes to title 28, chapter 23 of the Pennsylvania Code. Pennsylvania is already known to be one of the more difficult states in which to homeschool. Please do not make it worse.

With the proposed changes, parents who choose to delay immunizations will not have enough flexibility in obtaining the required vaccines. Five days is far too short a provisional period. There may be danger in requiring too many vaccine doses in a short period of time. Parents should have more time to develop a plan for their children to receive the required vaccines. I believe anytime during the current school year should be acceptable, not five days.

In regard to documenting a prior history of chickenpox:

Many parents, for good reason, may decide not to take their child to the doctor when infected with chickenpox. These children should not be required to receive the vaccine as they have natural immunity. A written statement from the parents should be treated as sufficient evidence demonstrating a history of chickenpox.

Finally, in regard to getting more immunizations, I believe it should be up to the parents to decide. If their pediatrician recommends it, most parents will comply anyway.

Please do not make the proposed changes.

Best Regards,

Amy Mead