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This email is regarding proposal IRRC #3147, which makes changes to title 28, chapter 23 of the Pennsylvania Code.

I am a homeschool parent of three in Pennsylvania who currently chooses to vaccinate my children and I feel the proposed changes will greatly effect other homeschool parents who choose to vaccinate as well as myself.

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 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, at least 60-90 days to develop a plan for their children to receive the required vaccines.

Also, 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 treated as sufficient evidence demonstrating a history of chickenpox.

-Casey Armstrong