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I am writing to voice my concerns to the proposed changes to Title 28, Chapter 23 of the PA Code.

As a parent, I do not believe that the government should be able to tell us what vaccinations, if any, that we should get for our children or when. There have been many vaccinations that have done more harm to some children than good.

I have had my children vaccinated for some of the things I felt were important enough to take the risk of vaccination for, and yes, as with any medicines, there is always a risk. We have been blessed to have received these vaccinations without any serious side effects. However, I have also refused vaccinations that I felt were unnecessary or that I felt the risk was too high. I not only refuse some vaccinations for my children, but for myself as well.

As homeschoolers, we are also at a lower risk for such infections and diseases as we are not around large numbers of other children on a daily basis.

*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 (60 days) to develop a plan for their children to receive the required vaccines, and to continue to have the ability to deny the vaccines.*

*Finally, 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.*

Please take all of these points into consideration before supporting such changes.

Sincerely,

Kelly Barr