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The following comments are regarding proposal IRRC #3147, which makes changes to title 28, chapter 23 of the Pennsylvania Code.

I urge you to no make the suggested changes. They will adversely affect many homeschooler who do choose to vaccinate their children. See comments in bold...

- The eight-month provisional period for school-age children who have not received all required vaccines would be reduced to a five-day period during which children must receive all single dose vaccines and the next or final dose of multiple dose vaccines along with a medical certificate documenting a schedule for any subsequent required doses. **This is too short of a period**
- Parents would be required to obtain a statement from a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant in order to document the history of varicella (chicken pox). Under current law, parents are able to provide this statement. **Most frequently it is not necessary to take your child to the MD when they have chicken pox (waste of money, not good for the sick child, not good for those who might be exposed during the office visit). It would be an added expense to have to take them to the MD while having chicken pox when they would be more comfortable at home (and not spreading it to others). It would also be an added expense to have to be tested for the antibodies if you do not have the disease when at the MD.**
- Students would be required to receive an additional dose of a meningococcal vaccine before entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade. **Not necessary until children go to college.**
- Students would be required to receive a pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine in conjunction with the currently required diphtheria and tetanus doses.
- A fourth dose of the poliomyelitis vaccine would be required. **Not necessary**

Thanks for your time and consideration,  
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