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As a parent of young adults and former homeschool parent, I am dismayed by the current proposed changes to how children in PA will be required to be immunized if proposal IRRC #3147 is passed. IRRC #3147 makes changes to title 28, chapter 23 of the Pennsylvania Code.

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, that is a lot of heavy metals being injected into small bodies in a very short timeframe and could be dangerous. Parents should have more time (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 treated as sufficient evidence demonstrating a history of chickenpox.

I hope these proposals would be dropped from your agenda.