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Hello,

I would like to comment about the proposed change in policy for student immunizations, potentially making them due 5 days in to the school year.

This can be difficult for students with late summer birthdays or children who are "young for their grade". Last year, on August 7th, I took my son in for the physical that was required for him to enter 6th grade. With my daughter, I had had them do her "7th grade" immunization at that same visit. However, the doctor's office would not give him his immunization because he was not yet 11. His birthday is August 20th, so he was 13 days from turning 11 and we have to make another trip back to the doctor.

While most children are already 12 by the time they enter 7th grade, there are children who have skipped grades or have moved from areas where the school start dates are different, potentially placing them in a pocket of not being able to receive the vaccine and then not being allowed to go to school, all the while following current immunization requirements based on *age* and not grade.

I suppose the main concern is that medical immunizations schedules are based on age, but school immunizations are based on grade, making it difficult for small pockets of children to be compliant.

Thank you,

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