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I am writing regarding proposal IRRC #3147, which makes changes to title 28, chapter 23 of the Pennsylvania Code.

As a parent, I am concerned that the proposed 5 day immunization catch-up window is insufficient. I vaccinate my children on a delayed schedule, and while I do everything in my power to make sure my children have received all legally required immunizations by the time they are required to, it concerns me that there is no consideration for parents who choose to space out vaccines. Instead, a large number of immunizations might have to be administered on the same day. This method is not only putting the child at risk, it is putting an unnecessary burden on parents and physicians. Harsher restrictions like these would further isolate people like myself who, though concerned with the safety of vaccines, still see their importance. At the moment, I have no need to claim immunization exemption for my homeschooled children, but proposals like these are needlessly burdensome.

I also disagree that a physician note should be required for proof of varicella immunity. In most cases, chicken pox is a mild illness that my generation and my parents' generation has treated at home. Necessitating a visit to a physician would only expose others to the disease.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.
Amy Clutter