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Cindy Findley Director, Division of Immunization and to others this may concern,

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

Firstly regarding reduced flexibility for provisional admittance to school:

*Currently parents are not required to immunize their children until they are admitted to school. 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. There may be danger in requiring too many vaccine doses in a short period of time. Parents should have more time (at least 60 days) to develop a plan for their children to receive the required vaccines.*

Secondly, 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). Chicken pox is highly contagious and many parents wisely choose to keep their children separated from others. 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.*

Sincerely,  
Jill Kletzing