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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am concerned about two changes that are being considered as part of IRRC #3147.

My first concern is with the provisional period to obtain required vaccines. 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. There may be danger in requiring too many vaccine doses in a short period of time. Parents should have more time to develop a plan for their children to receive the required vaccines based on the recommendations of their physician who is most familiar with the health needs of the particular child.

My second concern regards documentation of varicella. Many parents, for good reason, may decide not to take their child to the doctor when the child is infected by varicella. 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 varicella.

Sincerely,

Robin Waldschmidt