

Documenting History of Varicella (Chickenpox) Illness

Amendment to §97.67

"All histories of varicella illness must be supported by a written statement from a physician or the child's/student's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine." or by serologic confirmation of varicella immunity. School nurses may also write this statement to document cases of chickenpox that they observe. The school shall accurately record the existence of any statements attesting to previous varicella illness or the results of any serologic tests supplied as proof of immunity. The original should be returned to the child/student or the child's/student's parent, or guardian. If a child or student is unable to submit such a statement or serologic evidence, varicella vaccine is required."

Varicella requirement takes effect August 1, 2000.

For Further Information:

Contact the Texas Department of Health Immunization Division - 1(800) 252-9152, or visit its website: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/immunize/>

Instructions for documenting prior illness:

1. A written statement from a physician, school nurse or the child's/student's parent or guardian containing wording such as:

"This is to verify that _____ (name of student) had varicella disease
(chickenpox) on or about _____ (date) and does not need varicella vaccine."
(approximate month/day/year)

Signature

Relationship to student

Date

2. Or, by serologic confirmation of varicella immunity



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