

641—7.7(139A) Provisional enrollment.

7.7(1) Applicants who have begun but not completed the required immunizations may be granted provisional enrollment. To qualify for provisional enrollment, applicants shall have received at least one dose of each of the required vaccines or be a transfer student from another school system. A transfer student is an applicant seeking enrollment from one United States elementary or secondary school into another. Applicants shall submit a valid Iowa department of public health provisional certificate of immunization to the admitting official of the school or licensed child care center in which the applicant wishes to be provisionally enrolled. To be valid, the provisional certificate shall be signed by a physician, a physician assistant, a nurse, or a certified medical assistant directed to sign by a supervising physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. Persons validating the provisional certificate of immunization are not held responsible for the accuracy of the information used to validate the provisional certificate of immunization if the information is from sources other than their own records or personal knowledge.

a. Any person wishing to be provisionally enrolled who does not have a valid Iowa department of public health provisional certificate of immunization to submit to the admitting official shall be referred to a physician, a physician assistant, a nurse, or a certified medical assistant directed by a supervising physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner to obtain a valid certificate.

b. Reserved.

7.7(2) The amount of time allowed for provisional enrollment shall be as soon as medically feasible but shall not exceed 60 calendar days. The period of provisional enrollment shall begin on the date the provisional certificate is signed. The person signing the provisional certificate shall assign an expiration date to the certificate and shall indicate the remaining immunizations required to qualify for a certificate of immunization.

7.7(3) The applicant or parent or guardian shall ensure that the applicant receive the necessary immunizations during the provisional enrollment period and shall submit a certificate of immunization to the admitting official by the end of the provisional enrollment period.

7.7(4) If the applicant has not submitted a certificate of immunization by 10 calendar days prior to the expiration of the provisional enrollment, the admitting official shall notify the applicant, or if the applicant is a minor, the minor's parents or guardian, in writing of the impending expiration of provisional enrollment and invite the applicant and parents or guardian for a conference to discuss the rules regarding provisional enrollment.

7.7(5) If at the end of the provisional enrollment period the applicant or parent or guardian has not submitted a certificate of immunization, the admitting official shall immediately exclude the applicant from the benefits, activities, and opportunities of the school or licensed child care center until the applicant or parent or guardian submits a valid certificate of immunization.

7.7(6) If at the end of the provisional enrollment period the applicant has not completed the required immunizations due to minimum interval requirements, the provisional enrollment may be extended if the applicant or parent or guardian submits another Iowa department of public health provisional certificate of immunization.