About the Varicella (Chickenpox) Requirement

Chickenpox is one of the most readily communicable diseases and will spread quickly to susceptible children within a childcare facility. Legislation added chickenpox vaccine to the Idaho Childcare Immunization Law, effective April 7, 2011. Children born after September 1, 2005 must show proof of a chickenpox immunization **or** disease history to attend a licensed childcare facility.

If a child already has had chickenpox, the licensed health care professional will indicate it on the child's immunization record with a note or stamp. Providers will consider clinical diagnosis, laboratory tests, and/or parental history, in deciding if there is sufficient evidence of past chickenpox disease. Here's how they will record disease history:

VACCINE	DATE GIVEN	DOCTOR OFFICE OR CLINIC	DATE NEXT DOSE DUE
VARICELLA (chickenpox)			
☑ Had disease		Friendly Hills Pediatrics	
HEPATITIS A 1			

If the child has not had chickenpox or if the provider is uncertain, the health care provider will vaccinate the child for varicella (chickenpox). This will be recorded with the date on the immunization record as usual. On the child's green Health Folder, transfer the dates as usual or write in disease history like this:

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HEPATITIS B	/ /	/ /	/ /
VARICELLA (Chickenpox)	Disease	/ /	

If the child's parent or guardian reports that the child had chickenpox, but does not have proof of disease history and declines the varicella vaccine, a philosophical exemption must be claimed and the box "Varicella Disease History" must be checked. Please note, all children without proof of immunity will be excluded from childcare in the event of a disease outbreak, both for their protection and for the protection of others.

		Initial	Date
☐	**Varicella (Chickenpox):** I understand by not receiving this vaccine, my child is at increased risk of developing varicella. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: severe skin infections, pneumonia, brain damage, encephalitis, and death.		
☒	**Varicella Disease History:** My child has had chickenpox, but was not diagnosed by a physician. I decline to have my child receive the varicella vaccine and thus request a philosophical exemption from this requirement.	SK	04/14/11