Documenting History of Illness: Varicella (Chickenpox)

This form summarizes the **"Exceptions to Immunization Requirements (Verification of Immunity/History of Illness)"** incorporated in Title 25 Health Services §97.65 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC)

§97.65 of the TAC states, "A written statement from a parent (or legal guardian or managing conservator), school nurse, or physician attesting to a child's positive history of varicella disease (chickenpox), or of varicella immunity, is acceptable in lieu of a vaccine record for that disease (see form at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/c-9.pdf)." 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.

Documentation of prior varicella illness can be provided by the following methods:

1. A serologic confirmation of varicella immunity (positive varicella IgG result).
2. 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 _____ had varicella disease (chickenpox)
(Name of student)

on or about _____ and does not need the varicella vaccine."
(Approximate month/day/year)

_____
(Signature)

_____
(Relationship to student)

_____
(Date)

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