Immunization Information Systems Current Status

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The Current Status of Immunization Information Systems:

- ☐ Ensure appropriate protections of privacy and confidentiality for individuals and security for information included in the registry
- ☐ Ensure participation of all immunization providers and recipients
- ☐ Ensure sustainable funding for registries
- ☐ Ensure appropriate functioning of registries

Immunization Information Systems Privacy and Confidentiality - State Legislation

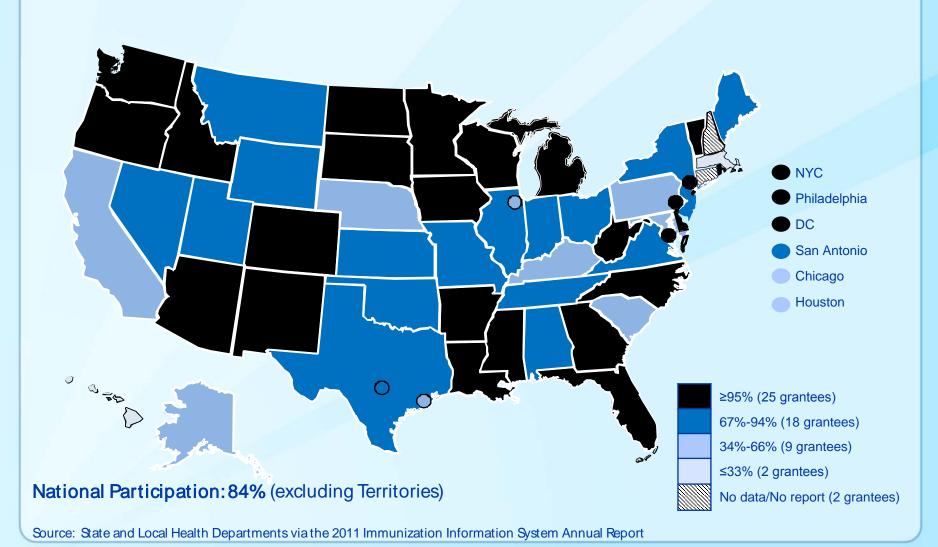
IIS State Legislation (including Washington DC):

- Authorizes an IIS: 27 states (53%)
- Mandates reporting: 14 states (27%)
- Requires participation (Opt-Out): 44 states and Washington D.C. (86%)

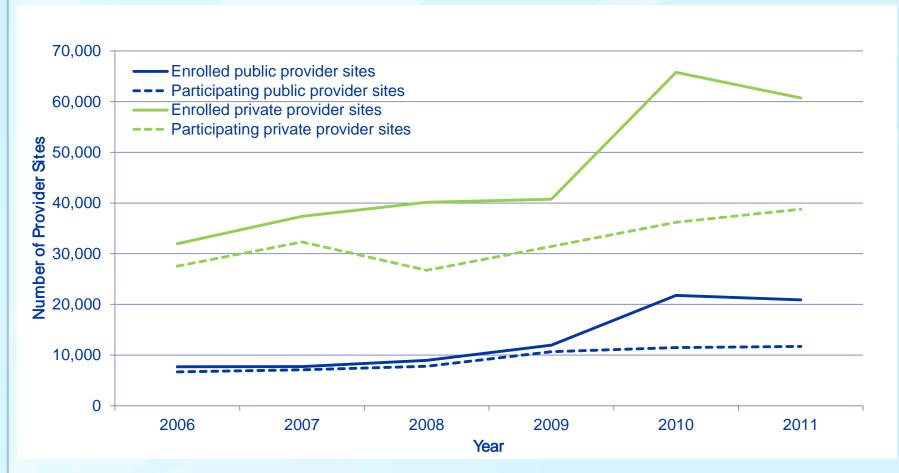
IIS Progress to Improve Participation

	U.S 2000	U.S 2011
Participation of U.S. children < 6 years in an IIS with 2 or more immunizations.	21%	84% (19.2 million children < 6 years)
Participation of U.S. adolescents 11-17 years in an IIS with 2 or more adolescent immunizations.	-	53% (15.4 million adolescents 11-17 years)
Participation of U.S. adults ≥19 years in an IIS with 1 or more adult immunizations.	-	24% (56.7 million adults ≥19 years)

Children < 6 Years Participation in IIS, 2011 Healthy People 2020 IIS Objective Status



Number of Public and Private Vaccine Provider Sites Enrolled and Participating* in IISt 2006-2011



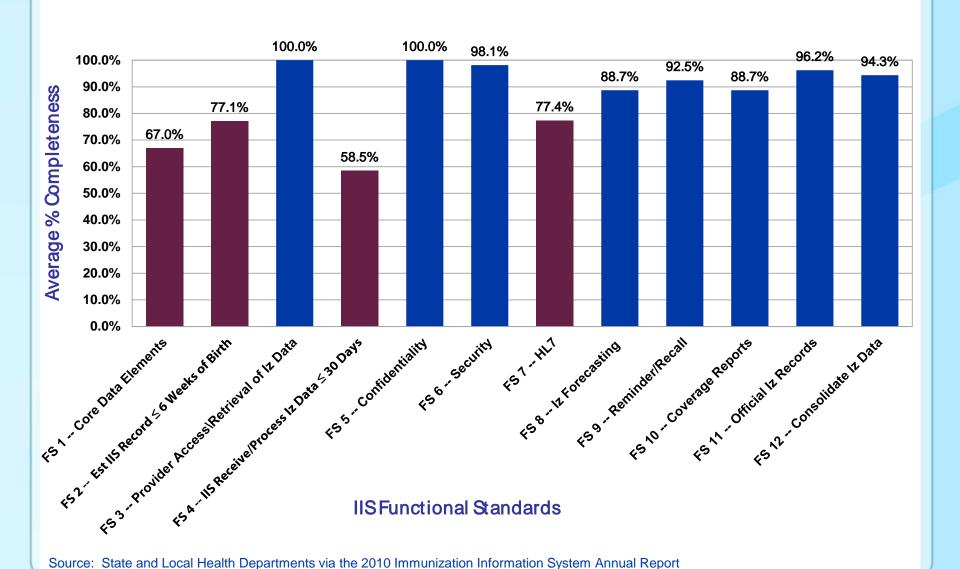
^{*} Participation is defined as having submitted data to the IIS in the past 6 months

† Among 48 grantees reporting each year from 2006 - 2011

IIS Funding Sources, 2010

Funding Source	Amount	%
CDC immunization 317 grant funds (includes VFC and DA)	\$36,922,434	55.3%
State	\$11,714,326	17.6%
Local	\$2,159,779	3.2%
Private	\$304,624	0.5%
In-kind	\$200,000	0.3%
CMS/MMIS	\$1,674,465	2.5%
CMS/ HITECH	\$1,595,410	2.4%
HRSA	\$25,273	0.0%
Other federal programs	\$5,475,131	8.2%
Emergency preparedness	\$1,488,983	2.2%
Non-Profit	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$5,157,606	7.7%
Total IIS Funding	\$66,718,031	

IIS Functional Standards, 2010



Selected CDC IIS Initiatives

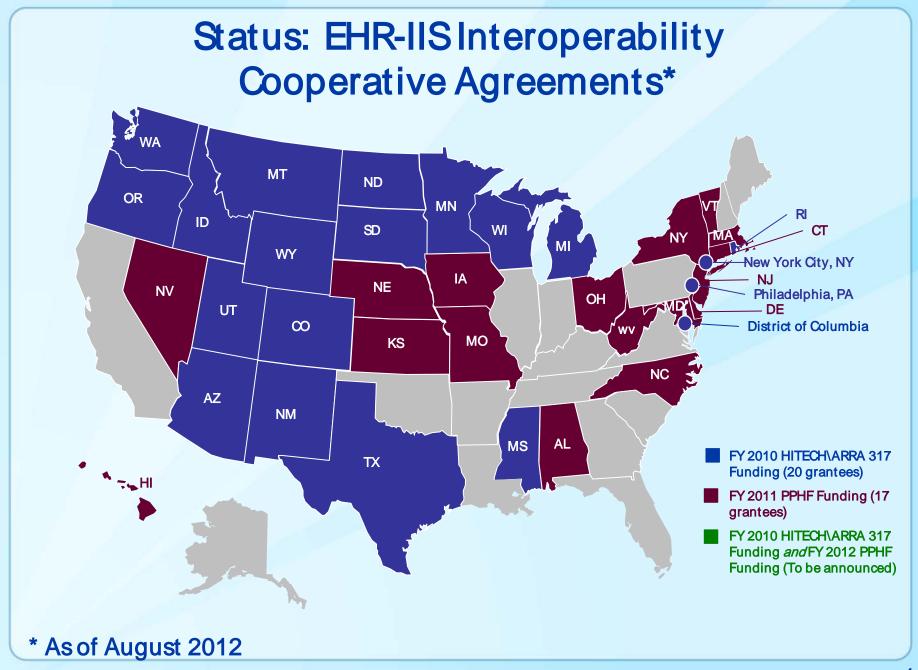
- 1. Enhance EHR-IIS Interoperability
- 2. Clinical Decision Support
- 3. Implement the Use of 2D Bar Codes
- 4. IIS Sentinel Sites Project
- 5. Trends in Immunization Practices System (IIS-TIPS)
- 6. VTrckS and EXIS
- 7. IIS Functional Standards Revision

IIS Initiative 1:

Enhance EHR-IIS Interoperability

EHR-IIS Interoperability

- □ National HIT Initiatives will facilitate EHR-IIS interoperability by:
 - Promoting the development and use of certified EHR systems that use national standards for interoperability with IIS and other healthcare systems
 - Incentivizing clinical practice interoperability to improve overall patient care.
 - Promoting the development and implementation of Health Information Exchanges (HIE).
 - Promoting consumer e-health that empowers patients to access and review their own health care.



Successes: EHR-IIS Interoperability

- ☐ Almost 29,000 practice sites with an EHR have been identified by HITECH\ARRA 317 grantees.
 - ☐ These sites serve almost 6 million children <6 years of age.
- □ About 3,000 practice sites with EHRs in 17 states and 3 cities have been selected for interoperability enhancements to enable real-time exchange of immunization data.
 - ☐ An estimated 2.4 million children <6 years of age will benefit.
- □ 96% of grantee or their designee are now able to send and receive HL7 messages

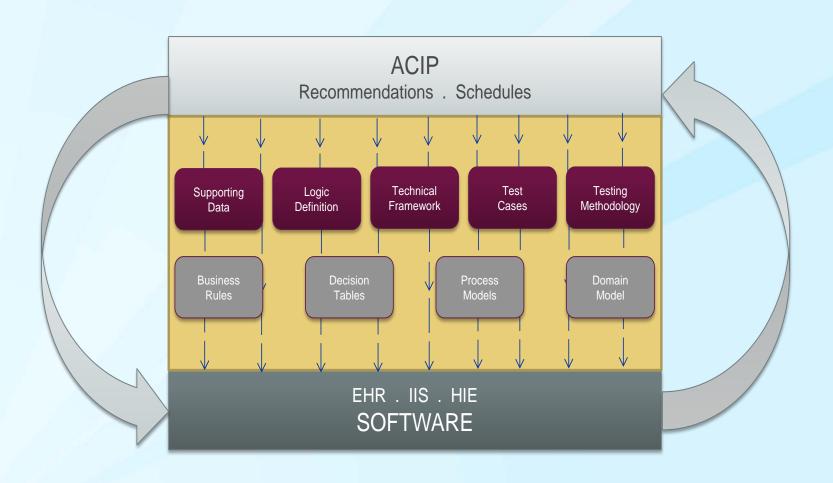
Impact: EHR-IIS Interoperability

- ☐ Enhancements may assist practices in receiving Meaningful Use incentives.
- ☐ Enhancing EHR-IIS interoperability will improve data quality challenges by addressing:
 - Accuracy
 - Timeliness
 - Completeness

IIS Initiative 2:

Clinical Decision Support

Overview: Clinical Decision Support for Immunizations (CDSi)



Status: CDSi

□ First complete draft of Logic Specification has been circulated for expert panelist review

Publishing on September 25, 2012

 900 Test Cases to accompany the Logic Specification have been completed and are currently in peer review

Publishing on September 27, 2012

 Training plan is being finalized and 4 training courses are being developed to support the release of the Logic Specification

Delivery in October 2012

Successes: CDSi

- Developed a consensus-based expert panel approach for collaboration amongst EHR and IIS communities;
- Established a partnership with EIPB to provide clarifications to ACIP recommendations;
- Positive community feedback and interest:
 - Early use of the draft specification by some in the community
 - AIRA, AIM, CDS Community of Practice, HL7, and leading Informatics groups have all expressed support for and excitement about the project

Impact: CDSi

- Provides logically clear guidance for immunization evaluation and forecasting systems:
 - Can be used by any system that performs evaluation and forecasting: IIS, EHRs, HIEs and others
 - Increases accuracy and consistency
 - Improves the timeliness of accommodating new and/or changed ACIP recommendations in CDS engines
 - Makes it easier to develop and maintain immunization evaluation and forecasting products



Ensures patients receive proper immunizations "The right immunization at the right time" **IIS Initiative 4:**

IIS Sentinel Sites Project

Overview: IIS Sentinel Site Project

- Competitive supplemental 317 funds to IIS with high data quality
- □ 2004-07 (6 IIS); 2008-12 (8 IIS); 2013-17 (6-7 IIS)
- Sentinel Sites and IISSB activities:
 - Conduct IIS-based operational evaluations
 - Conduct vaccine use studies
 - Present and publish findings
 - Sentinel Sites report data to IISSB for additional analyses (~ 4 weeks after end of reporting period)

Status: IIS Sentinel Site Project

□ 2008-2012 cycle

17 Sentinel Site & 9 CDC publications to date (more in process)

□ 2013-2017 cycle

- Cooperative agreement administered by IISSB separate from 317 administered by POB
- 6-7 sites will be awarded fall 2012 to begin January 2013
 - 15 LOIs received including all incumbent Sentinel Sites
- Sentinel Sites required to evaluate IIS-specific methods for vaccine use studies, IIS-EHR interoperability, IIS operational best practices, or use of IIS to support other immunization program activities and external partners, and report data to IIS-TIPS (see next slides)

Successes: IIS Sentinel Site Project

- Increased IIS-specific analytic capacity at CDC and among grantees to provide support to larger IIS community;
- Elevated visibility and importance of evaluation in IIS community;
- Promoted value of IIS as evaluation tools;
- Enhanced partnerships with other CDC Divisions and partners

Impacts: IIS Sentinel Site Project

- Primary source of new IIS evaluation methods, implementation of IIS data quality and operational best practice approaches;
- Contributed ~50% of the IIS literature reviewed by the TF on Community Preventive Services;
- Increased capacity at Sentinel Sites to plan and conduct IIS evaluations and vaccine use studies;
- □ Timely vaccine use investigations

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