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# INFORMATION REQUEST

Topic: Birth and Death Files from Vital Statistics

**Request Date:** January 23, 2019

**Information Requested:**

1. Does your IIS receive birth/death files directly from Vital Statistics on a routine basis?
2. If so, does your IIS receive updated client information in the event of a name change (adoption, marriage, custody change, etc.)?

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**Results:**

**OR:**

1. Oregon's IIS team receives and uploads a weekly birth extract from Vital Records that includes child demographics and birth dose of Hep B.
2. The weekly birth extract includes updated client information within the child's first year of life, such as birth/death match notification and name change amendments (including name change related to adoption). An IIS data analyst has limited client server access to Vital Records' death notification files. Several IIS staff have limited, view only access to a preview of birth records via the user interface of the Vital Records electronic registration system.

The IIS and Vital Records teams are in the process of updating our data use agreement and adding new data variables to our weekly extract. Client information related to gender and sex change, marriage, and name change and death notification beyond the first year of life are being reviewed as possible additions.

**RI:**

Rhode Island IIS (KIDSNET) receives daily birth files from vital records. We do not routinely get name changes, except for adoption information. We developed a process with our vital records office for adoptions that changes the name in KIDSNET and removes all identifying information related to the pre-adoption name, parents and addresses but keeps the health



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information. Child deaths are reported weekly. We also have access to a death file on a quarterly basis, which we will be able to access when our registry is expanded to lifelong.

**TN:**

1. Yes to birth files from Vital Records, no death files
2. No

**VT:**

The Vermont Immunization Registry actually shares a database with our electronic death reporting system – so our deaths are updated in real time.

We also update records based on adoptions and legitimations – I have an employee who codes a small part of his time to Vital Records, as he does these updates for both Vital Records.

We use our patient matching software in several ways to match and update records for adults whose names have changed due to marriage. Vital Records provides us with marriage records for this purpose.

**WA:**

1. Yes, we receive this information on a weekly basis.
2. Yes, we get updated data on adoptions, legal name changes, corrections, etc. Anything that would update a birth certificate is given to us as part of the data we receive each week.

**WI:**

Wisconsin does receive birth records, judgements (like adoptions or name changes) and death information from Vital Records.

Vital records submits their loads weekly in batches. Birth and Inactive/Updates on Mondays, Death records on Fridays.