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INFORMATION REQUEST

Topic: Military, Veterans' Administration and/or Indian Health Services data exchange.

Request Date: August 31, 2021

Information Requested:

For states where military (especially Navy and Army National Guard), Veterans' Administration, and/or Indian Health Services send data to the state IIS, what is the legal basis for this sharing? Links to your state laws that require reporting and/or copies of any data sharing or other agreements related to this topic would be greatly appreciated.

Requesting Member: Ellen Amore (RI)

Responding Member(s): Julia Monturo Larson (MA)

Results:

MA:

The VA has not yet started reporting data to the MA IIS but we have sent the VA the attached letter and it is our understanding that the VA is currently working towards beginning the reporting process without state.



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August 4, 2021

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VA New England Healthcare System
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RE: Standing Written Request for Patient Information

Dear Dr. Lilly:

This agency is responsible for protecting the public health and safety by gathering information and conducting investigations pursuant to the following statute. As the authorized head of this agency, I hereby request the Veterans Health Administration, report all information requested by this agency pursuant to the mandated reporting statute below. This request shall be valid for a period of three years.

This information will not be utilized for any purpose other than for a purpose authorized by law. This agency is aware of the penalty provisions of 38 U.S.C. § 5701(f)(2) which provides a penalty for unauthorized use of names or addresses of Veterans and their dependents not to exceed \$5,000 for the first offense and \$20,000 for any subsequent offense.

Immunization Registry

M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 24M and regulations 105 CMR 222.000 require all health care providers to report immunizations to the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS). This information is necessary for disease prevention and control. The required elements include the patient's first and last name, date of birth, gender, address, MRN, race, ethnicity, address (street, city, state, zip code), phone, vaccine NDC/CVX, substance lot number, substance expiration date, date of administration, administered amount, substance manufacturer name, administering provider name, administering provider title, route of administration, site of administration.

The point of contact for this requirement is Pejman Talebian, Director, Immunization Division.

Sincerely,

Margret Cooke
Acting Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Public Health