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SMART Health Cards

As COVID-19 continues to be a paramount public health concern, it is increasingly clear that individuals will need access to their vaccination records and test results. SMART Health Cards are a simple and secure way for Americans to maintain, own, and share their health information as they see fit.

SMART Health Cards **Are:**

- ✓ A digital or printed QR code that store individuals' limited clinical information such as vaccination history or test results.
- ✓ A way for individuals to access and own their data as well as control who can view that data.
- ✓ More secure than paper. Only the individual's name, date of birth, and vaccine information or test results are visible when the QR code is scanned. The cards also include digital signatures, ensuring verification and preventing forgery.

SMART Health Cards **Are Not:**

- ✗ Vaccine mandates or policies dictating use. Laws and policies for use are made at the federal, state, and local levels.
- ✗ A vaccine passport. The federal government does not issue, nor do they track the data stored in SMART Health Cards.
- ✗ A comprehensive history of an individual's medical information. No additional information, medical or otherwise, is stored on SMART Health Cards.



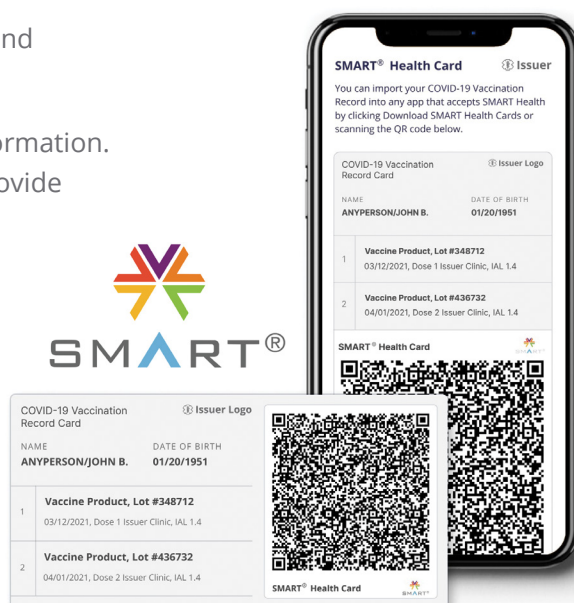
One thing is unchallengeable. And that is, I own a right to have my own data. And to have it in a form that I can present it conveniently for the kinds of things I want to do.

– Mike Leavitt, former Utah Governor and Secretary of Health and Human Services in the George W. Bush administration – Forbes, November 15, 2021

SMART Health Cards Help Constituents:

- Show proof of vaccination, if needed for international travel and other purposes, with a digital or printed QR code.
- Protect their individual privacy and decide who sees their information. Because QR codes cannot be read by the human eye, they provide levels of privacy that a piece of paper cannot.

The move to SMART Health Cards parallels the expanding health care and legislative trend to allow patients easy and improved access to their medical information. Legislative support for providing ongoing consumer access to immunization information systems using QR codes does not change what constituents have access to currently nor what has been done in the past. Rather it streamlines the process for the future and puts the control in the hands of consumers.



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