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INFORMATION REQUEST

Topic: IIS Read-Only Access

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Information Requested:

The Pennsylvania Statewide Immunization Information System (PA-SIIS) would like to ask how other states/jurisdictions handle requests from health care providers outside of their jurisdiction who request IIS read-only access. Historically PA-SIIS has only provided read-only access to school nurses. All other users who request access are expected to provide immunization data to the IIS and their access to search patients is to assist in patient care. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, PA-SIIS halted the onboarding of facilities outside of PA.

We have begun to reassess our process for both read-only access as well as the onboarding of out-of-state facilities. We are looking for feedback on how other states/jurisdictions handle these requests and if there are any benefits/concerns in how you handle them.

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Results:

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IA:

In Iowa, we allow access to our registry by providers outside of Iowa as long as they complete our user agreements and abide by our Security and Confidentiality Policy. I'll include links below. Some examples of enrolled users outside our jurisdiction include school nurses in other states as well as health care providers.



Iowa Immunization Registry Information System Forms and Documents:

- [IRIS Site Enrollment Form](#) *This form must be filled out and submitted to IRIS staff to request access as a new IRIS Organization, to change an Organization's Standard User to an Admin User, or for new School Users.*
- [IRIS Individual User Agreement](#) *This form must be completed by each authorized IRIS user prior to accessing the application. The site is responsible for maintaining these signed forms for review by IDPH upon request.*
- [Confidentiality Policy](#) *This form must be reviewed and agreed upon by each IRIS user as part of the enrollment process.*

MO:

Missouri allows read only access for border states where the city is within 50 miles of the border. We have a lot of folks that live in one state and work or see physicians here in Missouri. In addition, our school nurses currently can have read only access but that could possibly change in the future. Currently we do not have data agreements in place to share data outside of Missouri through HL7 and we do not onboard out of state providers.

OK:

In Oklahoma we have allowed providers in other jurisdictions access to our IIS for years. Some are read only, and others are able to input data. Generally, these are providers in states that surround Oklahoma (Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas) however we do have a few providers in other jurisdictions as well.

Our school nurses have had the ability to update demographics and input history shots. We did this because it helps us have a more complete record in OSIIS. Use of the IIS isn't mandated in Oklahoma, so we haven't typically received a lot of information for privately insured individuals.

RI:

In response to PA's information request, although we are permitted to share records with out of state health care providers Rhode Island does not give read-only access to our IIS to out of state providers due to limitations on capacity to process and track user agreements and provide help-desk support. However, we are actively working to share data with other state IIS through the IZ Gateway. Once that is established, healthcare providers in other states will be able to access the Rhode Island IIS data through their own state IIS if exchange with IZ Gateway is in place for their state IIS.



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UT:

We have seen an increase in the number of read-only and out of state access requests. These requests have typically come from health payers, clinics that don't provide immunizations, and now PHR systems. We have also had a number of telehealth companies request access. Our process is if the entity has a presence in our state (either physically or will service our state residents) then we have been giving them access. We have had many facilities that don't provide immunizations but use data from our system for patient care. With COVID many outpatient surgical centers and similar clinics are using it to get the vaccine status on their patients but they don't provide immunizations themselves. Ideally once IZGateway is running and connected, out of state facilities would query your state registry through the state IIS they are located in.