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INFORMATION REQUEST

Topic: Minor Consent

Request Date: May 24, 2022

Information Requested:

Colorado is an opt-out state and had legislation pass that expanded preventative healthcare services in Colorado, allowing minors to consent to their own vaccinations in certain preventative healthcare settings. As a result of this bill there have been concerns brought up to our organization about protecting the confidentiality of these minors who elect to get vaccinated and do not want their parents to know about it. Parents could get their minor child's vaccination record from a provider or from our consumer portal. If your state has similar legislation in place, we would love some feedback on the following:

- How does minor consent work within your provider community and your IIS?
 - Have enhancements been made to the IIS that "restrict" visibility of these vaccinations to certain people?
- What policies are in place about reporting minor consented vaccinations to your IIS?
- Do you have any other information you'd like to share related to this topic?

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Responding Member(s): Elen Amore (RI), Christopher Osborne (TX)

Results:

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RI:

Rhode Island allows anyone age 16 and older to consent to vaccination.

- How does minor consent work within your provider community and your IIS?
The immunizing provider handles all issues of consent. Vaccination records are sent to the IIS regardless of who provided the consent. If they can figure out how to prevent their EHR from sending it, providers could opt not to send a record if the vaccine was not supplied by the state (most vaccines to children are state-supplied and must be reported). To our knowledge this is not happening. Pharmacy regulations require reporting of all vaccinations to the IIS.
 - Have enhancements been made to the IIS that "restrict" visibility of these vaccinations to certain people? No. Covid vaccine records are the only vaccines available to the public to view/download from the IIS. There is two factor authentication to the email or cell phone provided at the time of vaccination, so as long as it is not a parent email or phone, the parent would not be able to access it.
- What policies are in place about reporting minor consented vaccinations to your IIS?
There are no specific policies. Reporting requirements are the same, regardless of who consented. All vaccines administered by pharmacies or using state supplied vaccine must be reported to the IIS. All Covid vaccinations must be reported.
- Do you have any other information you'd like to share related to this topic? There was some discussion that no matter what, a parent intent on looking for a child's record could use cell phone, driving, curfews and other privileges to coerce a teen to provide the information anyway and parents may have access to provider patient portals for their children. This has not been an issue in Rhode Island.

TX:

The ImmTrac2 minor consent form that Texas uses is below.

- How does minor consent work within your provider community and your IIS?
Texas providers are urged to offer parents inclusion into the Texas Immunization Registry for their children 0-17 years of age. Children cannot consent themselves.
- Have enhancements been made to the IIS that "restrict" visibility of these vaccinations to certain people?
Certain types of entities may register for reporting and access to search for individual immunization records. These are public health districts, a local health departments, a physician to the individual, a payor, or any health care provider



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licensed or otherwise authorized to administer vaccines, a school or child care facility in which the individual is enrolled, or a state agency having legal custody of the individual.

- What policies are in place about reporting minor consented vaccinations to your IIS? Texas statute requires providers to report all child immunizations to the Texas Immunization Registry. If a child is consented into the system, those childhood immunizations records will be stored.
- Do you have any other information you'd like to share related to this topic?
No.



Texas Department of State
Health Services

Texas Immunization Registry (ImmTrac2)
Minor Consent Form



A parent, legal guardian or managing conservator must sign this form if the client is younger than 18 years of age.

Child's First Name _____ Child's Middle Name _____ Child's Last Name _____
 Child's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Child's Gender: Male Female Telephone _____ Email address _____
 Child's Address _____ Apartment # / Building # _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

Mother's First Name _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Race (select all that apply)			Ethnicity (select only one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Race	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	
<input type="checkbox"/> Recipient Refused			<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

The Texas Immunization Registry (ImmTrac2) is a free service of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The Texas Immunization Registry is a secure and confidential service that consolidates and stores your child's (younger than 18 years of age) immunization records. With your consent, your child's immunization information will be included in the Texas Immunization Registry. Doctors, public health departments, schools, and other authorized professionals can access your child's immunization history to ensure that important vaccines are not missed. For more information, see Texas Health and Safety Code Sec. 161.007 (d). <http://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.161.htm#161.007>.

Consent for Registration of Child and Release of Immunization Records to Authorized Persons/Entities
 I understand that, by granting the consent below, I am authorizing release of the child's immunization information to DSHS and I further understand that DSHS will include this information in the Texas Immunization Registry. Once in the Texas Immunization Registry, the child's immunization information may by law be accessed by a public health district or local health department, for public health purposes within their areas of jurisdiction; a physician, or other health-care provider legally authorized to administer vaccines, for treating the child as a patient; a state agency having legal custody of the child; a Texas school or child-care facility in which the child is enrolled; and a payor, currently authorized by the Texas Department of Insurance to operate in Texas, regarding coverage for the child. I understand that I may withdraw this consent at any time by submitting a completed Withdrawal of Consent Form in writing to the Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Immunization Registry.

State law permits the inclusion of immunization records for First Responders and their immediate family members in the Texas Immunization Registry. A "First Responder" is defined as a public safety employee or volunteer whose duties include responding rapidly to an emergency. An "immediate family member" is defined as a parent, spouse, child, or sibling who resides in the same household as the First Responder. For more information, see Texas Health and Safety Code Sec. 161.00705. <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.161.htm#161.00705>.
 Please mark the box below to indicate whether your child is an **Immediate Family Member** of a First Responder.
 I am an **IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER** of a First Responder.

By my signature below, I GRANT consent for registration. I wish to **INCLUDE** my child's information in the Texas Immunization Registry.
 Parent, legal guardian, or managing conservator:

Printed Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Privacy Notification: With few exceptions, you have the right to request and be informed about information that the State of Texas collects about you. You are entitled to receive and review the information upon request. You also have the right to ask the state agency to correct any information that is determined to be incorrect. See <http://www.dshs.texas.gov> for more information on Privacy Notification. (Reference: Government Code, Section 552.021, 552.023, 559.003, and 559.004)

PROVIDERS REGISTERED WITH the Texas Immunization Registry: Please enter client information in the Texas Immunization Registry and affirm that consent has been granted. **DO NOT** fax to the Texas Immunization Registry. **Retain this form in your client's record.**

Questions? Tel: (800) 252-9152 • Fax: (512) 776-7790 • <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/immtrac/>
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