
American Pharmacists Association
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NEW BUSINESS

(To be submitted and introduced by Delegates only)

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(Name)

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(Date)

APhA-APPM Delegation on behalf of the Immunizing
Pharmacists Special Interest Group (SIG)

(Organization)

Subject: Integration of a National Immunization Information System (IIS)

Motion: To amend existing policy: 2018 Proactive Immunization Assessment and Immunization Information Systems, Statement #3

3. APhA calls for a National Immunization Information Systems (IIS) database to report all immunization data among all state registries ~~APhA supports nationwide integration of Immunization Information Systems (IIS) that incorporates federal, state, and local databases for the purpose of providing pharmacists and other health care professionals with accurate and timely information to assist in clinical decision making related to immunization services.~~

Background:

Currently, there is no national database or organization that maintains vaccine records, which leads to states having their respective Immunization Information Systems (IIS) to keep record of vaccines for both children and adults.¹ Immunization Information Systems are computerized information systems that gather immunization data from different healthcare providers in a given area, assisting healthcare providers to record and review a patient's vaccine needs and coverage.³ However, not all states have immunization registries to maintain vaccine records, and those that do may not have all healthcare providers take part and engage in these registries.⁴ This leads to fractured and inconsistent vaccine records, especially as individuals relocate or travel. If updated records of immunizations aren't provided as proof that patients received certain vaccines, some may need to get vaccinated with additional doses.¹ A national, standardized IIS allows for all pharmacists and other healthcare providers to correctly determine which vaccine to administer and when, in addition to avoiding vaccine waste and promoting better interprofessional patient care.²

Current APhA Policy & Bylaws:

2018 Proactive Immunization Assessment and Immunization Information Systems

1. APhA supports mandatory requirements for ALL immunization providers to report pertinent immunization data into Immunization Information Systems (IIS).
 2. APhA calls for government entities to fund enrollment and engagement of all immunization providers in Immunization Information Systems (IIS). This engagement should support lifetime tracking of immunizations for patients.
 3. APhA supports nationwide integration of Immunization Information Systems (IIS) that incorporate federal, state, and local databases for the purpose of providing health care professionals with accurate and timely information to assist in clinical decision making related to immunization services.
 4. APhA advocates that all appropriate health care personnel involved in the patient care process have timely access to Immunization Information Systems (IIS) and other pertinent data sources to support proactive patient assessment and delivery of immunization services while maintaining confidentiality.
 5. APhA urges pharmacy management system vendors to include functionality that uses established and adopted electronic health record standards for the bidirectional exchange of data with Immunization Information Systems (IIS).
- (JAPhA. 58(4):355 July/August 2018)

References:

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3. Cdc.gov. 2021. *ACIP Vaccination Records Guidelines for Immunization | CDC*. [online] Available at: <<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/records.html>> [Accessed 27 September 2021].
4. Immunize.org. 2021. *Ask the Experts: Documenting Vaccination*. [online] Available at: <<https://www.immunize.org/askexperts/documenting-vaccination.asp>> [Accessed 27 September 2021].

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