



COLORADO IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What is the Colorado Immunization Information System?

Also known as the Colorado Immunization Registry, the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) is a confidential, population-based, computerized information system that collects and disseminates consolidated immunization information for Coloradoans of all ages.

What can the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) do for my practice?

The Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) simplifies immunization record keeping, provides quicker access to immunization records, and helps you keep track of a patient's immunization status. CIIS can also help you: easily find immunizations for patients new to your practice, provide official copies of immunization records with the touch of a button, and reduce or eliminate chart pulls needed for coverage assessments and Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) reviews.

How does CIIS work?

CIIS is web-enabled and accessed using Internet Explorer. Participating immunization providers can retrieve and input immunizations 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Immunizations for an individual are kept in a single record, even if the individual visits more than one provider. CIIS allows a provider to review a patient's immunization history at each visit and quickly determine what immunizations are needed based on the most recent recommendations by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Participation in CIIS is voluntary for providers and individuals. Patients have the right to have their immunization data excluded from the registry.

Is reporting to CIIS subject to the HIPAA Privacy rule?

No. Reporting of immunization data to CIIS is exempt from the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule since it is considered a public health activity.

How is information in CIIS kept confidential?

CIIS must protect the privacy of all users, including children, families and providers. According to standards set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all immunization information systems (IIS) are required to have a written privacy policy that clearly defines notice of inclusion in the IIS, access to, and use and disclosure of IIS data.

Do participating practices have to notify their patients that their immunization data is included in CIIS?

Yes. Participating sites are required by law to notify their patients that their immunization data is included in CIIS. Individuals have the right to opt out and remove their immunization data from the registry at any time. Once a provider gives an individual an opt out form, it is the individual's responsibility to send that form to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Who has access to information in CIIS?

Colorado law allows CIIS to gather immunization information from the immunization providers, clinics, schools, a child's parent, the individual, any HMO where the individual is enrolled, hospitals, or entities that have contracted with CDPHE for immunizations. Information in CIIS can only be released to the same entities that provide information, plus the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for individuals enrolled in Medicaid. It is a crime to disclose CIIS information inappropriately.

Can CIIS accept data directly from my billing software or electronic medical records?

Yes, the Colorado Immunization Information System has the ability to accept electronic data directly from billing software and various electronic medical records (EMRs). The capacity and direction of data exchange depends on the technical capacity of the EMR system and CIIS. Many state and local immunization information systems use the industry standard Health Level 7 (HL7) messaging protocol to exchange immunization data. Others may use batch file exports to an immunization information system.

How much does it cost to participate in the Colorado Immunization Information System?

Good news – there is **NO** fee for access to or use of CIIS! CIIS provides training and support for your staff at no cost to you.

What type of equipment do I need in order to participate in CIIS?

In order to participate in CIIS, your office will need one or more computers with Internet Explorer version 6.0 or greater, internet access and printing capabilities.

How do I access CIIS?

Interested providers are encouraged to contact CIIS staff for an onsite demonstration of the functionality and benefits of the registry. Your office must sign a Letter of Agreement with the Colorado Immunization Information System stating that your practice will keep the information confidential and not share it with any unauthorized person. Contact us to schedule an onsite demo today!

Can individuals get immunization records directly from CIIS?

No. CIIS does not release records directly to individuals and encourages them to contact their provider for their records.

How much will it cost my practice to participate?

There is no fee for access or use of CIIS but unlimited Internet access at appropriate locations in your office is necessary. CIIS will work with you to utilize the equipment you already have. CIIS will provide training for your staff at no cost to you.

How will HIPAA regulations affect my participation in CIIS?

HIPAA regulations state that a covered entity can release immunization information without prior authorization to an immunization information system authorized by state law. CIIS keeps a complete record of all information needed to comply with the tracking requirements of HIPAA and will furnish a report to a participating provider at no cost.

How can I find out more about CIIS?

**Colorado Immunization Information System
Colo. Dept. of Public Health and Environment
DCEED-IMM-A3
4300 Cherry Creek Dr. South
Denver, CO 80246**

Phone: 303-692-2437

Fax : 303-758-3640

Toll Free : 888-611-9918

Additional information available at:

www.coloradoimmunizations.info

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Who is participating in CIIS?

- Physicians in Private Practice
- Public Health Offices
- Community Health Centers
- Health Maintenance Organizations
- Schools

A full listing of participating sites is available at:

www.coloradoimmunizations.info

Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS)

Developed in collaboration with:

- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition
- Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Colorado Academy of Family Physicians
- Public and Private Healthcare Providers



Working Together To Reduce Vaccine Preventable Disease Using The Colorado Immunization Information System



What is the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS)?

The Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) is a computerized information system that collects vaccination histories to ensure correct and timely immunizations for Coloradans. CIIS is operated by the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center on behalf of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). States and communities throughout the country have developed confidential immunization information systems with assistance from federal, state, and local partners. Immunization information systems are endorsed by professional organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association.

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Why should my practice participate in CIIS?

To provide quality patient care

- CIIS displays recommended immunizations at each visit based on current ACIP standards
- CIIS highlights reactions and contraindications
- CIIS provides a way to identify and recall individuals who are overdue for immunizations
- CIIS can immediately identify patients for vaccine recalls

To save time

- Retrieve immunizations entered by other offices for your new patients
- Print immunization forms for school, childcare, and camp without pulling charts
- Track vaccine usage
- Record all data required by the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act

To ensure more complete immunization records

- CIIS combines the immunization record from multiple providers into a single record for each individual
- Immunization information supplied by individuals can be easily added to the record in CIIS

To save money

- Some malpractice insurers offer discounts on premiums for participation in CIIS

What information is included in CIIS?

Information in CIIS includes the immunization delivery information, who administered the immunization, information to ensure accurate records and avoid duplicate records, and an address to allow recall notices to be sent.

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How do I access CIIS?

You must sign a Letter of Agreement with CIIS that states your practice will keep the information confidential and not share it with any unauthorized person. CIIS provides each individual with his or her own ID and password to ensure confidentiality of the information in the system.

To use CIIS your office will need to have one or more computers with Internet Explorer 6.0, Internet access, and printing capabilities.





GIVE YOUR CHILD A SHOT AT SUCCESS

Immunizations Save Lives

Immunizations are needed for all children from birth through age 18. Shots are given at birth, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 12-18 months, 4-6 years and 11-12 years.

Weekly Clinics and Reasonable Fees

Weekly clinics are held statewide. Prices are very reasonable, but no child is ever turned away because of inability to pay.

Be sure to bring your child's shot record to every visit!

For more information call:
1-877-462-2911

www.immunizecoloradoskids.org



PROTEJA A SU NIÑO Y DEMUESTRELE SU CARIÑO

Las Vacunas Salvan Vidas

Todos los niños necesitan vacunas desde que nacen hasta los 18 años de edad. Las vacunas se ponen al nacer, a los 2 meses, 4 meses, 6 meses, entre 12-18 meses, 4-6 años y 11-12 años.

Clinicas semanales y costo razonable

Habrán clinicas semanales a través de todo el estado. No se le negará servicios a ningún niño si no puede pagar.

Siempre traiga el registro de las vacunas de su niño a cada visita

Para mas información llame al
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YES! I am interested in additional information about the Colorado Immunization Information System.

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____