NYSIIS FACT SHEET FOR ADULT PROVIDERS

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What is NYSIIS?

NYSIIS is the acronym for the New York State Immunization Information System. NYSIIS is a free, web-based statewide immunization information system, also known as a registry, which maintains computerized immunization records of persons of all ages in a confidential and secure manner. It can immediately provide you with a person's immunization record, even if he/she received the immunization from another provider in New York State. It saves money by ensuring that people receive only the vaccines they need and improves office efficiency by reducing the time needed to gather and review immunization records.

What are the benefits of NYSIIS to your practice?

NYSIIS offers you many benefits. NYSIIS can:

- Reduce time needed to gather and review immunization records;
- Provide record consolidation of immunization information from multiple providers into a single reliable record;
- Aid in managing immunizations so that children and adults receive only the vaccines they need within the appropriate timeframes;
- Clarify complex and changing immunization schedules and emerging vaccine combinations;
- Allow providers' offices with electronic medical systems to submit data without duplicate entry;
- Generate reminder and recall postcards and/or mailing labels to send out to patients to remind them when their immunizations are due or have been missed;
- Decrease time spent by office staff seeking immunization histories from previous providers;
- Assist in the management of vaccine supply and ordering;
- Generate timely immunization reports to assist with Vaccines for Children (VFC) reporting requirements;
- Assist in preparing HEDIS and QARR reports and other quality improvement initiatives.

When must you use NYSIIS?

The law mandates that as of January 1, 2008, all current immunizations administered to children less than 19 years of age, along with their histories, must be entered into NYSIIS within 14 days of administration.

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Statutory changes were enacted in 2013 and 2014 related to entry of immunizations administered to individuals 19 years of age or older into NYSIIS.

- In 2013, Chapter 154 eliminated the requirement for 'express written consent' by those 19 years or older. Documentation of verbal consent is sufficient.
- In 2014, Chapter 420 amended the current law related to entry of immunizations administered to those aged 19 or older, adding requirements to enter immunizations administered (with patient's consent) by registered professional nurses and pharmacists. Health care providers may also report immunizations administered to this population in NYSIIS.

How will you access NYSIIS?

Users access NYSIIS through the NYSDOH Health Commerce System (HCS). All NYSIIS users are required to have an individual HCS user account. Medical professionals can apply online at https://hcsteamwork1.health.state.ny.us/pub/top.html at any time. A medical professional who signs up may designate another user to be the HCS Coordinator for his or her practice.

Does NYSIIS integrate with an existing computer system? What if you already have immunization information entered into your own computer system?

NYSIIS can be used successfully in practices both with and without electronic medical records. In an attempt to minimize the amount of manual data entry into NYSIIS, the web application complies with HL7 standards. Specifications have been developed to allow software vendors to create an export file from clinical record systems for NYSIIS. Each system will need to be tested to see if the export file meets the NYSIIS requirements. For electronic transfer specifications and additional information on getting started with data exchange, go to the following website: http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/information_system/providers/ or call the Help Desk at 1-866-389-0371.

Where can you obtain additional information if you have further questions?

- HCS: https://commerce.health.state.ny.us
- Public website: http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/information_system/
- Phone: (518) 473-2839
- Email: nysiis@health.ny.gov

Where do you find training for NYSIIS?

NYSIIS training is available on the NYSDOH WebEx site, NYSDOH website, and on Health Commerce. For a detailed list of trainings and instructions on how to access training, visit www.nysacho.org.

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