Montana

**Vaccination Surveillance System**

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<td>MT</td>
<td>NO STATUTE OR RULE FOUND</td>
<td><em>From MT Brochure, “Questions PROVIDERS Ask About Immunization Information Systems”</em> (<a href="http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/immunization/documents/wizrd/IISflyer.pdf">http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/immunization/documents/wizrd/IISflyer.pdf</a>): “Also known as Immunization Registries, Immunization Information Systems, or IIS, are confidential, computerized information system that attempt to collect vaccination data about all children within a geographic area…” “Yes, reporting of immunizations to an IIS is allowed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule since it is considered a public health activity. While allowed state policy requires that consent for participation is the IIS is obtained to allow sharing of information.”</td>
<td><em>From The Immunization Maze, Montana Immunization Laws &amp; Rules – For Schools” MT DPHHS Immunization Program Updated: March 2007 (accessed August 25, 2008):</em></td>
<td>CONSENT FORM: <a href="https://immtrax.mt.gov/IISConsent.pdf">https://immtrax.mt.gov/IISConsent.pdf</a> “I authorize my health care provider and a public health agency to collect and enter my child’s immunization records into the Department of Public Health and Human Services’ Immunization Information System (IIS). The IIS is a confidential, computer system that contains immunization records.**</td>
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CONSENT FORM. See Data Sharing.

From the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services:

“What is the Immunization Registry? The Montana State Immunization Registry is a comprehensive system designed to assist healthcare professionals in managing and evaluating their immunization data to better serve the children in their practice. Through its various tools and reporting technologies, WIZRD provides an invaluable tool for the reporting of immunization data. This includes all shots administered to children 18 years and younger. The reported data including patient demographic, immunization provider, vaccination type and manufacturer are warehoused in a central database called the PHDS central registry. In order to facilitate capture and utilization of this data, WIZRD provides registered users with various reporting or query options, technical support and training, in the use of all registry tools and features. The data in the registry has been obtained both through electronic reporting and manual entry of paper data submitted to the registry.

“In order to assure compliance with both ‘HIPPA’ and ‘FERPA’ requirements, the Immunization program recommends that consent forms be signed by parents or guardian and kept in each child’s file, at school/daycares. This would expedite the sharing of records, allow the input of records into the State Registry…” [emphasis added]

I understand that information in the registry may be released to a public health agency as well as my health care providers to assist in my child’s medical care and treatment. In addition, information may be released to child care facilities and schools in which my child is enrolled to comply with state immunization requirements. I understand that I can revoke this authorization and have my record removed at any time by contacting my local health department.”
How Does a Medical Care Provider in Montana Participate in Our State's Registry?  
Currently, the majority of private providers report to the registry by paper through an agreement with their local County Health Department. However, "real-time" access to the registry for private vaccine providers is very near at hand. Pilot projects are being developed in nine (9) of Montana's counties to permit real-time private provider access to the registry using WIZRD. Within three years, the objective is to have electronic users account for 90% of registry's data. Providers can access the registry either through the PHDS interface, which is available to local health departments or via the WIZRD Web-Based Interface. Access for registry query or immunization reporting is limited to duly authorized providers who are enrolled with the registry. For further details regarding system sign-up, call the Montana State Immunization Program at (406) 444-5580. ([http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/ph-informatics/PH-informatics-PHDS-immun.shtml](http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/ph-informatics/PH-informatics-PHDS-immun.shtml))

The “Immunization Maze” document’s “Sample ‘Permission’ Statements include: “I give permission for (Name) County Health Department to enter my child’s vaccine information into the statewide immunization database, the **Montana Public Health Data System (PHDS)** This information will be shared with health care providers to help prevent both over and under-immunization and to develop one consolidated vaccine record for the child.

**Note, if the parent declines, be sure and have them sign a declination statement.”**
“WIZRD (Web-based Immunization Registry Database) is an Internet-based application that is used to access records in the State Health Department's immunization registry. The registry houses the immunization records for children in Montana. All immunization providers within the state can create and share electronic immunization records for their clients, which makes the delivery of childhood immunizations much easier. In this capacity, the registry provides a valuable tool for the management and reporting of immunization information to public health professionals, private and public healthcare providers, parents, guardians and other child care personnel. WIZRD also provides reminder/recall and assessment capabilities. The Public Health Informatics section and Montana State Immunization program staff provide technical support to users along with continuous training and updates to the software”
