

SUBJECT: State Adult Immunization Registries
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RESOLUTION NO. 19

- 1 WHEREAS, vaccines demonstrate proven effectiveness in preventing or mitigating disease and represent
2 one of the most successful, cost-effective public health initiatives; and
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4 WHEREAS, state immunization registries when available online, provide reliable immunization
5 information across multiple providers and have been proven to be particularly effective in
6 communicating up to date immunization histories for minors by requiring all immunizations
7 administered to every child be recorded; and
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9 WHEREAS, a lifespan registry that includes residents of all ages in a community benefits health care
10 organizations, school, licensed childcare programs, pharmacies, and residents by consolidating
11 immunization information from multiple providers into a comprehensive, uniform immunization
12 record; and
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14 WHEREAS, this consolidated immunization information provides improved opportunities to reduce the
15 potential for vaccine-preventable diseases and over-vaccination, by allowing providers to view
16 up-to-date patient immunization history in one system; and
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18 WHEREAS, the prevalence of illness attributable to vaccine-preventable diseases is greater among adults
19 than among children; with vaccine preventable disease accounting for 50,000-90,000 adult
20 deaths yearly in the United States according to the Infectious Disease Society of America, National
21 Foundation of Infectious Diseases, and Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that in adults who had health
24 insurance and reported having had >10 physician contacts within the past year, 23.8%-88.8%
25 reported not receiving vaccinations that either are recommended for all person or are
26 recommended for those with some specific indication; and
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28 WHEREAS, many federal agencies including as by The Community Preventative Services Task Forces
29 encourage the use of state immunization registries to increase immunization rates; now, therefore
30 be it
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32 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) support and encourage
33 the implementation of lifespan state immunization registries for adults and children, thereby
34 improving continuity of care, patient safety, and vaccination rates for all residents in the United
35 States; and be it further
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37 RESOLVED, that the ACOFP encourage and support state and federal efforts to create interoperability
38 between state immunization registries.