



To Whom It May Concern:

The Immunization Division at the IN State Department of Health would like to share an important message with all birthing hospitals and centers regarding CHIRP, our state's Immunization Information System (immunization registry).

The vital records import to CHIRP will no longer provide records for the birth dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine. **This change will become effective August 1, 2014.** The vital records import will; however, continue to send the infant's demographic information to the registry.

This important change is taking place to allow hospitals and birthing centers to meet the legislative requirements under IC 16-38-5-2 which takes effect July 1, 2015. Hospitals enrolled in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program must meet a program requirement (Immunization Division Policy #15) to enter complete records into the registry as of July 31, 2014. The Indiana Code pertaining to the July 2015 mandate can be found here: <http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title16/ar38/ch5.pdf>

CHIRP can accept an import with an HL7 type message from an Electronic Health Record (EHR). However, the message must comply with the national standards for HL7 messaging. The current adopted version types for an HL7 message are 2.3.1 or 2.5.1. Hospitals that do not have the capability to import records for the birth dose of Hepatitis B need to ensure that the staff administering doses of Hepatitis B vaccine has full access to the registry.

In addition to entering or importing records into the registry, most hospitals and birthing centers are required to utilize the lot inventory management component of the registry. Please note this requirement will be effective July 31, 2014 for all hospitals enrolled in the VFC program. Hospitals that do not receive publicly funded vaccine and have an acceptable HL7 import into the registry are exempt from this requirement.

We encourage all hospitals and birthing centers to review the new legislative mandate, and to contact the CHIRP Helpdesk as soon as possible. To contact the CHIRP helpdesk, please call (888) 227-4439 or email at chirp@isdh.in.gov.

The CHIRP user and provider site enrollment forms, and some step-by-step guides for the lot inventory management are available on the CHIRP homepage: <https://chirp.in.gov/>.

With kind regards,

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