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Massachusetts Immunization Information System

As of January 21, 2013, we are participants in the new Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS), the statewide electronic record-keeping system (or registry) that keeps track of immunizations. This system will help keep complete and accurate records of the immunizations that you or your child may get from any doctor or healthcare provider in Massachusetts. It was developed by the Immunization Program at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

When fully implemented, the MIIS will allow us to:

- Keep all of your important immunization information together in one place for you and all of your healthcare providers;
- Know which shots you and your child are due for and when;
- Easily send reminders to you about your and your child's upcoming immunizations to help you in scheduling your next visit; and
- Quickly print out the forms needed for school, camp, and employment.

Immunization registries like the MIIS help healthcare providers make sure that everyone is up-to-date on their immunizations to keep us all healthy and to prevent the spread of harmful disease. The system has been created according to state law, which requires that healthcare providers who give immunizations report them to the MIIS. All the information in the MIIS is kept confidential. You may choose to limit the providers who may see your or your child's shot records in the MIIS. However, if you do choose to limit who can view the vaccination history, we may be unable to give you a complete and accurate record of your or your child's shots. This means you must continue to keep track of this information on your own.

For more information about the MIIS, you may visit the MIIS website at www.mass.gov/dph/miis or contact the Massachusetts Immunization Program directly at 617-983-6800 or 888-658-2850.