

Background

ImmTrac is the Texas immunization registry, a free service from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). It is a secure, confidential registry that stores immunization records electronically in one centralized system. ImmTrac contains immunization records for more than 6.4 million Texas children younger than 18 years of age and over 12,000 adult first responders and their family members. This valuable information comes from a variety of sources including private health-care providers, public health clinics, Medicaid claims administrators, the Bureau of Vital Statistics (VSU) and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinics. Regardless of the number of sources, each client's immunization information is consolidated into one electronic record. Authorized professionals such as doctors, nurses, and public health providers can access clients' vaccination histories. The Registry is a major component of the DSHS initiative to increase vaccination coverage across Texas.

The Texas Health and Safety code defines a payor as: an insurance company, a health maintenance organization, or another organization that pays a health care provider to provide health care benefits, including providing immunizations.

The law also states: a payor that receives data elements from a health care provider who administers an immunization to an individual younger than 18 years of age shall provide the data elements to the department. A payor is required to provide the department of State Health Services with only the data elements the payor receives from a health care provider. A payor that receives data elements from a health care provider who administers an immunization to an individual 18 years of age or older may provide the data elements to the department. The data elements shall be submitted in a format prescribed by the department. The department shall verify consent before including the reported information in the immunization registry. The department may not retain individually identifiable information about an individual for whom consent cannot be verified.

Health Plan/Payor Reporting to ImmTrac

Electronic import of immunization data to ImmTrac is available to payors and providers through the use of the ImmTrac Electronic Transfer Standards which can be found at www.ImmTrac.com. Immunization data may be submitted to ImmTrac by the following methods:

- Import files may be uploaded to ImmTrac via the secure ImmTrac web application,
- Import files may be submitted to ImmTrac via encrypted File Transfer Protocol (FTP)
- Medicaid and CHIP client encounter data submitted to HHSC will be electronically sent to ImmTrac via the ImmTrac-HHSC Interface

Health Plan/Payor Access to ImmTrac Data

- Electronic access to registry data is available to payors via an inquiry process that allows the health plan to submit client identifying and demographic information for multiple clients. ImmTrac searches the registry database and returns the available immunization history for each client via secure download or encrypted FTP.
- Single client searching and generation of immunization histories are available to payors online via the ImmTrac web application.

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To get started, please complete the online ImmTrac registration packet:

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/immtrac_reg.pdf

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