



Indiana State Department of Health



Benefits for Medical Providers

CHIRP will help our state reach the goal of assuring that 90% of all two-year-olds are age-appropriately immunized. With your participation, we can meet and maintain this goal so that vaccine preventable diseases stay as low as possible.

- ✓ ***There is no charge to participate in CHIRP.*** With your vendor's cooperation, ***data can be exported from your current patient management system*** so that the immunization record does not have to be re-entered into CHIRP. This export is for the demographic record and the CPT codes claimed for immunization only, and does not include any other information. Please note that your vendor may charge a nominal fee for this data export, but that CHIRP staff will work to keep this fee, if any, as low as possible.
- ✓ ***CHIRP helps determine a child's current immunization history*** by making a more complete immunization record easily available to your staff. This will help prevent unnecessary shots (over-immunization).
- ✓ ***CHIRP makes it easier to determine what shots a child needs.*** Right now, you need a trained staff person to review a child's history, assess the current immunization schedule, and make a decision. Since the schedule changes frequently, it takes a lot of staff training to stay current. The CHIRP computer can tell your staff what shots are needed, using the current immunization schedule recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Advisory Commission on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
- ✓ ***CHIRP can create reminder notices that can be mailed to parents to bring the child back to your office*** so that kids are immunized as soon as they are due for shots.
- ✓ ***CHIRP helps with vaccine management,*** by keeping track of the doses that have been administered to your patients. ***It can create the VFC (Vaccines for Children) Accountability Report,*** making your monthly report for this program quicker and easier.
- ✓ ***An official child's immunization record can be printed from CHIRP and used for school or child care centers.***
- ✓ ***Almost 500 reports*** can be created and printed to give you more information about your immunization program. These include information about your patients (by age ranges, by zip code, etc.), who has received immunizations, or who is in need of immunizations.
- ✓ ***An assessment of your immunization records*** can be conducted without having to re-enter the data (once the information is in CHIRP.) This helps you determine what percentage of your patients are up-to-date for immunizations, and prints reports that help you determine where you might need to target your efforts. These reports provide ***valuable feedback*** to your staff about how your immunization program is working.
- ✓ CHIRP can produce ***reports for managed care plans*** to help them determine the immunization status of children in their plan that you immunize. When CHIRP is fully operational, it is anticipated that there will be much less need for health plans to send staff to your office to audit medical records for childhood immunization data, meaning less disruption for your office staff.
- ✓ ***By state law, all data in CHIRP is confidential*** and are available only to enrolled providers. CHIRP data is not used for punitive purposes (to punish anyone.)
- ✓ The CHIRP program will provide your office with **brochures and posters** to help you notify your patients about CHIRP, and to let them know that their participation is voluntary.