

## **Proposal for Legislation -- 2015 OPT-OUT FOR IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM (IIS)**

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1. **What is the problem or issue?** Without the ability to see what vaccines a person may have received from other health care providers, individuals may receive unnecessary shots when records are not available or may receive vaccinations which are medically contraindicated or to which an individual is allergic.
2. **What do you want the legislation to do?** This proposal would provide the opportunity to "opt-out" of having a child's or adult's immunization records included in the Montana Immunization Information System (imMTrax). Every state has such a system, and Montana is one of only three states that do not have an "opt-out" model. A system that keeps vaccination records unless patients "opt-out" will improve efficiency, help health care providers and parents keep children and adults up to date on vaccinations, prevent unnecessary shots, provide a convenient place to obtain immunization records, document contraindications, and allow public health agencies to monitor and improve vaccination efforts.
3. **If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.** §50-16-530, 50-16-603, 50-16-605, and 50-16-805, MCA.
4. **If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose?** We anticipate no fiscal impact to the state of Montana. However, health care providers and facilities in other states have documented savings in their administrative costs by implementing the approach proposed here.
5. **Has similar legislation been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.** HB 479 was introduced during the 2013 session.