AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 415

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Introduced by: American College of Preventive Medicine

Subject: Immunization Registries

Referred to: Reference Committee D
(Jennifer E. Trottman, MD, Chair)

Whereas, about 11,000 babies are born every day in the United States; an estimated 4 million a year needing vaccinations, and

Whereas, every child needs 19 to 23 doses of vaccines by age five, to be fully immunized, and

Whereas, the AMA has abundant policy in support of immunizations (440-918, 440-920, 440-921, 440-928, 440-932, 440-933, 440-990, 440-992),

Whereas, lack of accurate immunization records represents a major reason for missed opportunities to vaccinate, and

Whereas, immunization registries offer a cost saving-solution that ensures access to accurate immunization records at every visit, enables automated assessment of immunization needs, permits automated generation of reminder/recall messages when children are due or late for immunizations, estimates coverage in provider practices, and helps prevent missed opportunities to immunize, and

Whereas, in January 1999, the National Vaccine Advisory Committee endorsed the development of a national network of community/state population-based immunization registries which are able to share information and maintain privacy and confidentiality;

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Medical Association encourage physicians to participate in the development of immunization registries in their communities and use them in their practices.

Strategic Plan Component: 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4

Fiscal Note: No Significant Fiscal Impact