

**SECTION: Certification****SUBJECT: CT Immunization Information System (CT-WiZ)**

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**POLICY**

In 1994, the legislature authorized the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) to establish the **C**onnecticut **I**mmunization **R**egistry and **T**racking **S**ystem (CIRTS). CIRTS was established as a FREE statewide, childhood immunization registry maintained at DPH. After a pilot period of several years, CIRTS started enrolling all children statewide in 1998. In September 2018, the CT DPH Immunization Program replaced CIRTS with a new information system (IIS) called CT-WiZ. The purpose of the Connecticut Immunization Information System is to assure that children remain up-to-date with their immunizations and that their records are available when needed. All healthcare providers administering immunizations to children in Connecticut are mandated to report those immunizations to the CT-WiZ.

The Connecticut Immunization Information System (CT-WiZ) enables clinics to:

- Order CT Vaccine Program (CVP) vaccines
- Manage vaccine inventory
- Report doses administered
- Submit bi-directional electronic data exchange between Electronic Health Records and CT-WiZ
- Assess immunization coverage rates
- View and print official immunization certificates
- Access and electronically query patients' previous immunization records into one consolidated record
- Forecast which vaccinations are invalid, due and overdue to help avoid under and over-vaccinations.

All personal information including immunization status and dates of immunization of individuals shall be confidential as required by Connecticut law. Only the parent(s)/child's legal guardian, child's doctor, or health care workers who can assist with missed opportunities or missed immunizations have access to CT-WiZ.

The Connecticut WIC Program has an agreement with the Connecticut Immunization Program which allows the Connecticut Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Coordinators access to CT-WIC for the purpose of identification, tracking, and care coordination for children who are not appropriately immunized. CT-WIC access is approved on an individual basis by the Connecticut WIC Program Director or designee. All IAP Coordinators granted access to CT-WIC shall read and sign the Connecticut WIC Program Confidentiality Statement (WIC Policy 100-16 Confidentiality of Applicant and Participant, and Vendor Information). IAP Coordinators will have access to the following WIC participant information:

- Child's name
- Child's date of birth
- Child's address and telephone number
- Child's primary care provider and/or health plan (if documented in CT-WIC)