Whereas, the critical role of vaccines in our public health infrastructure is well-established; and
Whereas, every state maintains an immunization registry; and
Whereas, pediatric vaccines are routinely reported electronically to the appropriate state registry; and
Whereas, immunization registry data is crucial for determining the effectiveness of a given vaccine; and
Whereas, an increasing number of adult vaccines are administered by pharmacies; and
Whereas, a significant number of adult vaccines provided by pharmacies are not recorded in the patient's primary medical records; and
Whereas, reporting vaccinations to government entities may require additional resources or time; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association develop model legislation requiring all vaccine providers to participate in their statewide immunization information system (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, that our AMA support mandating all vaccine providers to report all immunizations to their respective state immunization registry, for both adults and children (New HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, that our AMA support reimbursement for reporting immunizations to state registries by both public and private payers. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Modest - between $1,000 - $5,000

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REFERENCES
RELEVANT AMA POLICY

H-440.899 Immunization Registries
Our AMA encourages: (1) Physicians to participate in the development of immunization registries in their communities and use them in their practices for patients of all ages; (2) electronic health record (EHR) vendors to add features to automate the exchange of vaccination information in the patient EHR to state immunization registries to improve and help ensure completeness and accuracy of vaccination records. EHR vendors and registry administrators need to work with physicians and other health professionals to facilitate the exchange of needed vaccination information by establishing seamless, bidirectional communication capabilities for physicians, other vaccine providers, and immunization registries; and (3) all states to move rapidly to provide comprehensive lifespan immunization registries that are interfaced with other state registries. [Res. 415, A-99; Reaffirmed: 415, A-01; Reaffirmation A-09; Modified: CSAPH Rep. 4, I-14]