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TO: California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

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SUBJECT: Digital Vaccination Records

**Key takeaways from this letter:**

- ✓ Patients and parents can now access their Digital Vaccine Record (DVR) electronically without having to contact their healthcare provider.
- ✓ You can support the DVR by submitting newly administered and historical immunizations to CAIR or Healthy Futures/RIDE.
- ✓ Promote the DVR to your patients using this [informational flyer](#). (See below for additional languages.)

**BACKGROUND**

Released earlier this year, the Digital Vaccine Record (DVR) is a centralized electronic vaccination record which all Californians can access from a computer, tablet, or smartphone. The DVR helps your patients obtain a summary report of all immunizations recorded into a California immunization registry ([CAIR](#) or [Healthy Futures/RIDE](#)).

The DVR is secure, allowing patients to readily access only their own or their child's record for school, childcare, camp, athletics, work, or other needs. Information in the DVR includes name, date of birth, vaccination dates, vaccines received, and future vaccine recommendations. The DVR saves money and staff time otherwise spent fulfilling record requests and tracking down immunization histories.

**WHAT PROVIDERS CAN DO TO SUPPORT THE DVR**

To ensure accuracy and completeness of records, it's important that both newly administered and historical immunizations be reported by providers into CAIR or Healthy Futures/RIDE. This

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includes HPV vaccine and newly recommended immunizations, such as the RSV monoclonal antibody for infants. (See this recent [VFC Program letter](#) about California bill AB1797 requiring providers to enter every immunization administered, as well as a patient's race and ethnicity, into a registry.)

- If you are a healthcare provider that is currently enrolled in CAIR, you can submit data or make necessary updates to a patient's record for missing or incorrect vaccination history.
- Ensure that your doses are being submitted correctly to CAIR. For more information, view this recent [CAIR Policy Update](#).
  - For instructions on running the Doses Administered Report, see page 42 of the [CAIR Regular User Guide](#).
  - Be sure that doses submitted have the correct VFC eligibility information. See page 26 of the [CAIR Regular User Guide](#) or page 43 of the [CAIR HL7 Implementation Guide](#) for additional information on eligibility.
- To submit historical doses through data exchange, please discuss submission options with your EHR vendor support and a CAIR Data Exchange Specialist ([CAIRDataExchange@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CAIRDataExchange@cdph.ca.gov)).
- Promote the DVR to your patients using the informational flyer hyperlinked below. Consider posting information about the DVR on your clinic's website.
- If you are a healthcare provider that is not yet submitting data to CAIR or you have questions about CAIR, visit the [Join CAIR](#) webpage for more information.

#### **HOW PATIENTS CAN REQUEST RECORDS USING THE DVR**

To access their DVR, patients should visit the [Digital Vaccine Record portal](#) ([myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov](http://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov)) or use the QR code shown on the informational flyer for patients available in these languages: [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Simplified Chinese](#) and [Traditional Chinese](#), [Korean](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), and [Vietnamese](#): These languages are also available for the DVR request form or for printing records.

#### **RESOURCES**

- To learn more about the DVR, see the [FAQS](#) on the DVR website. To view FAQs for healthcare providers, scroll to the bottom of that webpage.
- To learn more about immunization registry reporting requirements, view this recent [CAIR Policy Update](#) and visit the [California Immunization Registry FAQs](#).
- Contact your [Local CAIR Representative](#) or the CAIR Help Desk at [CAIRHelpdesk@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CAIRHelpdesk@cdph.ca.gov) or (800) 578-7889.
- Providers in Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, or Tuolumne counties may contact the Healthy Futures/RIDE Help Desk at [support@myhealthyfutures.org](mailto:support@myhealthyfutures.org) or (209) 468-2292.
- CAIR Immunization Registry Notice to Patients and Parents poster. (Available for order through your [Local CAIR Representative](#).)
- CAIR Immunization Registry Notice to Patients and Parents [flyer](#) (printable PDF).