

**1. What is NMSIIS?**

NMSIIS is the [New Mexico Statewide Immunization Information System](#). It is a confidential, computerized repository of individual immunization records that integrates information from birth and death records, public and private health care providers, and parental records. NMSIIS is administered by the New Mexico Department of Health. It is a secure, web-based system that is compliant with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) standards.

**2. Why is NMSIIS needed?**

By two years of age, more than 20% of children in the U.S. have seen more than one health care provider. As a result, multiple medical records are created and parents often lack the complete and accurate records of their children's immunization status. NMSIIS provides the connection between multiple providers and tracks which immunizations were given and which ones are needed.

**3. What are the benefits of NMSIIS?**

NMSIIS helps sustain high immunization rates for NM and low disease levels with more efficient management of information. NMSIIS also saves money by ensuring that children get only the vaccines that they need and improve reminder office efficiency by reducing the time needed to gather and review vaccination records. NMSIIS also eliminates the need to complete various vaccination forms or keep track of individual vaccination records.

For providers, NMSIIS saves both time and money. Some benefits to providers include:

- Reduced staff time needed to obtain and assess scattered immunization records.
- Reduced expenses and risk incurred by administering duplicate immunizations.
- Reduced missed vaccination opportunities.
- Decreased incidence of disease.
- Decreased incidence of vaccine adverse reactions.
- Ability to prevent vaccine waste through better inventory management.
- Reduced staff time and expense for documenting immunizations and producing reports.
- Improved efficiency of office operations

**4. Who is required to report to NMSIIS?**

Per [Senate Bill 58](#), all health care providers that administer vaccines in the state of NM are required to be reported to the registry.

**5. How is the accuracy of data in NMSIIS validated?**

When data is submitted, NMSIIS has various ways to find inaccurate or incomplete data as well as utilizing de-duplication processes that are automatically executed to ensure the validity of the data. In some instances, it may be necessary to verify the information with the submitter. Care should be taken that information is entered accurately and completely, which is why electronic data exchange is preferred over manual data entry.