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TO: Prevention Partnership Providers and
Local Public Health Units

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RE: Adult Opt-Out of NDIIS

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Adults 19 years of age and older have the right to opt out of the North Dakota Immunization Information System (NDIIS). This means that an adult can choose not to have any of their information, including name, birthdate, address and immunization information, entered in to the NDIIS. If adults choose to opt-out of the NDIIS, their health care providers are not able to look up their immunization history in the NDIIS. Additionally, adults who opt out will not be able to get complete copies of their immunization records from the NDIIS for school or employment.

The NDIIS confidentiality policy states that it is the responsibility of the healthcare provider to notify adult patients that their information will be added to the NDIIS.” Providers do not need to obtain verbal or written consent from an adult before entering information into the NDIIS. If an adult indicates that they want to opt-out, they should be directed to the NDIIS Adult Opt Out form on the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) immunization program web site at www.ndhealth.gov/immunize/OptOut/. Adults who have previously chosen to opt-out can decide to opt back in at a later date, however there may be immunizations missing from their NDIIS record. These individuals should also be directed to the NDIIS Adult Opt-out to opt-in.

If an adult has filled out the online opt-out form, a member of the NDDoH Immunization Program will mark their existing NDIIS record as opted out. Once they have been marked as having opted out, NDIIS users will not be able to search for the record, add new immunizations to their record or make any changes to the record. Adults who have been marked as having opted out will also not be included in NDIIS immunization rate reports or reminder/recall. Doses previously entered in an adult record will still be included in both doses administered and borrow/return reports even after they have been marked as having opted out.

As a reminder, North Dakota Century Code (23-01-05.3) requires the reporting of childhood immunizations to the NDIIS within four weeks of administration. Therefore, adults cannot opt their children out of the NDIIS.

Please feel free to contact the NDDoH Immunization Program with any questions or concerns at 701.328.3386 or toll-free at 800.472.2180.