

## AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

**Subject:** Immunization Registries

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WHEREAS, approximately 11,000 babies are born every day in the United States; an estimated 4 million a year needing vaccinations, and

WHEREAS, every child needs 19 to 23 doses of vaccination by age five, to be fully immunized, and

WHEREAS, the AOA has abundant policy in support of immunizations, and

WHEREAS, lack of accurate immunization records represents a major reason for missed, opportunities to vaccinate, and

WHEREAS, immunization registries offer a cost saving-solution that ensures access to accurate immunization records at every visit, enable automated assessment of immunization needs, permit automated generation of reminder/recall messages when children are due or late for immunizations, estimate coverage in provider practices, and help prevent missed opportunities to immunize, and

WHEREAS, in January 1999, the National Vaccine Advisory Committee endorsed the development of a national network of community/state population-based immunization registries which are able to share information and maintain privacy and confidentiality; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association encourage physicians to participate in the development of immunization registries in their communities and use such registries in their practices.

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