

# House Bill 2188

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## SUMMARY

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Expands definition of "authorized users" for purposes of sharing immunization records of certain persons through immunization registries. Requires removal of information from immunization registry when requested to do so by client who is 18 years of age or older.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to immunization registries; amending ORS 433.090, 433.092, 433.094, 433.096, 433.098 and  
3 433.100.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 433.090 is amended to read:

6 433.090. As used in ORS 433.090 to 433.102:

7 (1) "Authorized user" means a person or entity authorized to provide information to or to re-  
8 ceive information from an immunization registry or immunization tracking and recall system under  
9 ORS 433.090 to 433.102. "Authorized user" includes, but is not limited to, licensed health care pro-  
10 viders, health care institutions, insurance carriers, the Oregon medical assistance program,  
11 parents[,] **or guardians of children under 18 years of age, clients 18 years of age or older,**  
12 **post-secondary education institutions,** schools, children's facilities, local health departments, the  
13 Department of Human Services and agents of the department.

14 (2) "Children's facility" has the meaning given that term in ORS 433.235.

15 (3) "Client" means any person registered with any Oregon immunization tracking and recall  
16 system.

17 (4) "Immunization record" includes but is not limited to the following:

18 (a) Any immunization received;

19 (b) Date immunization was received;

20 (c) Complication or side effect associated with immunization;

21 (d) Date and place of birth of a client;

22 (e) Hospital where a client was born;

23 (f) Client's name; and

24 (g) Mother's name.

25 (5) "Immunization registry" means any listing of clients and information relating to their im-  
26 munization status, without regard to whether the registry is maintained in this state or elsewhere.

27 (6) "Immunization tracking and recall record" includes but is not limited to the client's name,  
28 address of the parent or guardian of the client, telephone number, insurance carrier, health care  
29 provider and other information needed to send reminder cards to, place telephone calls to or per-  
30 sonally contact the client or the parent or the guardian of a client for the purposes of informing the

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1 client, parent or guardian that the client is late in receiving the recommended immunizations.

2 (7) “Local health department” has the meaning given that term in ORS 433.235.

3 (8) “Parent or guardian” has the meaning given the term “parent” in ORS 433.235.

4 **(9) “Post-secondary education institution” means:**

5 **(a) A state institution of higher education under the jurisdiction of the State Board of**  
6 **Higher Education;**

7 **(b) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341;**

8 **(c) A school or division of Oregon Health and Science University; or**

9 **(d) An Oregon-based, generally accredited, private institution of higher education.**

10 [(9)] (10) “Provider” means a physician or a health care professional who is acting within the  
11 scope of [their] his or her licensure and responsible for providing immunization services or for co-  
12 ordinating immunization services within a clinic, public health site, school or other immunization  
13 site.

14 [(10)] (11) “School” has the meaning given that term in ORS 433.235.

15 [(11)] (12) “Tracking and recall system” means a system attached to an immunization registry  
16 designed to contact clients listed in the immunization registry for the purposes of assisting in the  
17 completion of the immunization series in a timely manner.

18 **SECTION 2.** ORS 433.092 is amended to read:

19 433.092. The purpose of ORS 433.090 to 433.102 is to waive the requirement of consent for re-  
20 lease of information from, or providing information to, the immunization record of a client of any  
21 immunization registry and to waive issues of confidentiality in regard to this information. The  
22 waiver allows [*providers, the Department of Human Services and local health departments and their*  
23 *agents, parents or guardians, schools and children’s facilities*] **authorized users** to share information  
24 from the immunization record through or between immunization registries without violating  
25 confidentiality. The immunization registries and the associated tracking and recall systems are de-  
26 signed to increase the state’s immunization rates for clients and help prevent the spread of the dis-  
27 eases at which the immunizations are aimed. Immunizations are a proven benefit to individuals and  
28 society. An immunization registry reduces inappropriate immunizations and increases appropriate  
29 immunizations because clients’ records will be easily available to [*all providers*] **authorized users**.

30 **SECTION 3.** ORS 433.094 is amended to read:

31 433.094. The Department of Human Services, a local health department, or both, or their agents  
32 or other providers may develop an immunization registry and an associated tracking and recall  
33 system to include, but not be limited to, children and young adults. This system shall include, but  
34 not be limited to, the following:

35 (1) Registering all clients born in, living in or receiving services in this state;

36 (2) Tracking and updating immunization histories of the registered clients [*and retaining in ap-*  
37 *propriate form information about clients who have attained 18 years of age for release only as provided*  
38 *in ORS 433.098 (2)*];

39 (3) Allowing a provider to provide information to and obtain information from the immunization  
40 and immunization tracking and recall records contained in an immunization registry without the  
41 consent of the client or the parent or guardian of the client;

42 (4) Allowing an immunization record of a client to be released to [*that client’s parent, guardian,*  
43 *school, children’s facility or provider*] **authorized users**;

44 (5) Notifying in writing the parent or guardian of a client, at least through five years of age,  
45 when the tracking and recall system indicates that a client has missed a scheduled immunization

1 and, if the client has not been immunized after two notifications, arranging to have the parent or  
 2 guardian contacted personally;

3 (6) Integrating with any immunization registry and its associated tracking and recall systems;  
 4 and

5 (7) Working with health care providers to develop easy information transfer systems.

6 **SECTION 4.** ORS 433.096 is amended to read:

7 433.096. Nothing in ORS 179.505, 192.410 to 192.505, 192.518 to 192.526 or 677.190 (5) or the cli-  
 8 ent and provider privilege prevents:

9 (1) [A *provider, a local health department, the Department of Human Services, the parent or*  
 10 *guardian of a client, a school or a children's facility*] **Authorized users** from providing information  
 11 to and receiving information from the immunization record of a client from the immunization regis-  
 12 try; or

13 (2) The immunization registry from:

14 (a) Providing immunization information to or receiving immunization information from a client's  
 15 immunization record from [*a provider, a local health department, the Department of Human Services*  
 16 *or the parent or guardian of a client, a school or a children's facility*] **authorized users**;

17 (b) Notifying or personally contacting a client or the **custodial** parent or guardian of [*that*] **a**  
 18 client about the client's immunization status; or

19 (c) Providing or publishing information in aggregate form that does not identify a client.

20 **SECTION 5.** ORS 433.098 is amended to read:

21 433.098. (1) [A *provider, or a local health department, the Department of Human Services or the*  
 22 *agents of any of them, children's facilities and schools shall not be subject to an action or be*] **An au-**  
 23 **thorized user and the employees or agents of an authorized user are not** liable for sharing  
 24 information from the immunization record or using information from the immunization tracking and  
 25 recall record for purposes of tracking immunizations of clients and for outreach to clients who have  
 26 missed immunizations.

27 (2) Information in an immunization registry or in the immunization tracking and recall record  
 28 or derived [*therefrom*] **from the registry or record** is confidential and [*shall*] **may** not be disclosed  
 29 to any person who is not specifically authorized to receive information under ORS 433.090 to  
 30 433.102. [*However, when a client attains 18 years of age, information in the registry shall be made*  
 31 *available only with the written consent of the client unless the requester shows a public health need for*  
 32 *the information. Upon the written request of a client who is at least 18 years of age, the registry shall*  
 33 *purge that client's immunization record and tracking and recall record from the registry*].

34 (3) **When a client who is 18 years of age or older requests in writing that the client's**  
 35 **immunization record be removed from an immunization registry, the agency or provider that**  
 36 **maintains the registry shall purge the client's immunization record from the registry as soon**  
 37 **as is reasonably possible.**

38 [(3)] (4) Before sharing data with any immunization registry, an immunization registry main-  
 39 tained in Oregon must ensure that the immunization registry receiving the data has confidentiality  
 40 and security policies at least as stringent as the policies of the registry sharing the data.

41 **SECTION 6.** ORS 433.100 is amended to read:

42 433.100. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules pertaining to the development  
 43 and implementation of the immunization registries and their associated tracking and recall systems.  
 44 The rules shall include a process [*by which*] **that allows a client who is 18 years of age or older,**  
 45 a custodial parent or guardian [*can*] **to** control the transfer of information from the immunization

1 record or the immunization tracking and recall record when such control is necessary to protect the  
2 health or safety of the family **or the client**.

3 (2) Nothing in this section requires the consent of a parent or guardian prior to enrolling the  
4 child in the registry or restricts the registry from providing tracking and recall information to a  
5 custodial parent or guardian.

6 (3)(a) Pursuant to rules adopted by the department, the department may charge fees to author-  
7 ized users, except hospitals, schools and individual health care providers, for services requested from  
8 an immunization registry, including associated tracking and recall systems maintained by the de-  
9 partment. Authorized users may make voluntary contributions to the department to help support  
10 the operation of an immunization registry established under ORS 433.094.

11 (b) Fees authorized under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be assessed only against man-  
12 aged care organizations, health maintenance organizations, physician organizations and insurance  
13 carriers that are using the information from the registries for quality improvement activities for  
14 their privately insured patients.

15 (c) All moneys received by the department under this section shall be paid into the State  
16 Treasury and placed in the General Fund to the credit of the Public Health Account. Such moneys  
17 are continuously appropriated to the department and shall be used only for the administration and  
18 enforcement of ORS 433.090 to 433.102.

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