



Region Four MCIR News

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New Region 4 MCIR Coordinator

There is a new MCIR coordinator at the Region 4 MCIR regional office. Kathie Howard, a Health Education Coordinator with the Genesee County Health Department, began orientation to MCIR in February 2006. She has worked as coordinator in a variety of public health programs including coordination and oversight of nine county regional HIV care and prevention planning groups and contracted HIV Ryan White care provider services, coordination and facilitation of regional HIV training services for treatment and prevention substance abuse providers and oversight of contracted provider substance abuse prevention services. Kathie has started to visit with local health department staff and provide trainings at provider sites and is enjoying getting to know those working hard to keep children healthy. Feel free to contact Kathie with questions and concerns or if a training is needed. Her direct number is 810-257-3832 and email is khoward@gchd.us.

What's New in MCIR?

The signing in April of Senate Bill 728 by the Governor puts a final stamp on the expansion of MCIR to a lifespan registry that will include adult immunizations in addition to children shots. The bill also expands the MCIR system into an all-hazard tracking system for emergency preparedness and will provide a system link with other child health data bases such as lead screenings and newborn screening and hearing outcomes. The new Administrative Rules and implementation plans are currently under development. Further information will be provided as to when the expanded registry will be in effect. Meanwhile providers will continue to use the current MCIR data base system to enter and access children vaccination information.



Region 4 MCIR Registry Office

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MCIR4@gchd.us**

- Remember to unlock a child's record when exiting from the General Information page, Immunization Status Page or Immunization History page. If not unlocked prior to exiting those pages, the child's record will be inaccessible to other provider sites. The Unlock Child button is located at the bottom of the page screen.
- Call the HELP desk at the MCIR Regional Office before adding a child born on or after January 1, 1994 in the MCIR data base. This will avoid creating duplicate and incomplete records for a child.
- In order to email important information to providers, the region office is creating an updated provider email list. Please provide your office email address to Kathie at khoward@gchd.us.

On-Line Support
State MCIR Website: www.mcir.org

Assessing with the Immunization Status Page

The Immunization Status page gives you a brief overview of a child's immunization status based on the shot history in the MCIR. This page can help to quickly assess a child's vaccine needs before providing shots.

On the Status page in the *Next Vaccines to be Administered* box, the MCIR identifies vaccines that can be given today, what dose is due, and the accelerated, recommended and overdue dates.

Immunization Status		Child: Mouse, Micky	Print	Print Help	
		BirthDate: 06/03/1987	Home Exit		
		Provider: Up-to-Date			
Child	Reports	My Site	Other		
Add/Find	Roster	Information	Immunization Status	Immunization History	
<i>Red indicates not approved for provider use.</i>			MCIR ID : 40060949023		
Child Information/Status					
Name	Mouse, Micky	DOB	06/03/1987	Assessment indicates that routine vaccinations are up to date. The next vaccination(s) can be administered on or after 06/30/2010.	
Patient ID		Age	18 Years		
Administered Vaccine					
	Can be given today	Dose #	Accelerated	Recommended	Overdue
DTP/DTaP/DT/Td		7	06/30/2010	06/30/2010	06/30/2010
MMR	Series Complete				
Hepatitis B	Series Complete				
Varicella	Series Immune				
Waivers/Titers					
	Date	Reason			
Varicella	06/03/1991	Immunity			
Take off Roster		Unlock Child			

Whenever possible, providers should follow the Recommended schedule for administering shots. Keep in mind that shots provided earlier than the accelerated/recommended dose may not be counted as valid doses by MCIR and the child can still appear overdue.

The colored status box, located on the right above the *Next Vaccines to be Administered* section indicates the following:

- **Pink** indicates that shots are overdue and should be administered today if possible.
- **Yellow** indicates a child may be eligible for shots. Some shots may be given based on an accelerated date, but follow recommended dates whenever possible.
- **Blue** indicates that shots are up-to-date. Review recommended dates for future doses.

Reported Vaccine Non-Administrations are found at the bottom of the page for reasons such as waivers, a child/family member condition, or documented immunity to Varicella.



CONTEST!

Answer the following questions. Participants with all the correct answers will be placed in a drawing for a \$10.00 gift certificate to Applebee's. E-mail or FAX the answers to the regional staff by [May 28, 2006](#).

1. The Vaccine Status Page can quickly help _____ which shots are due.
2. After viewing a child's record in MCIR, _____ the record before exiting.
3. A _____ status box indicates that shots are overdue.
4. Shots provided before the MCIR accelerated or recommended date may not be counted as a _____ dose in MCIR.

Congratulations to Kelly Russell from the McLaren Family Care Center in Grand Blanc, our last prize winner!

Wondering if you got the correct answers last time? The answers for the last contest were:

1. A new SEARCH screen.
2. McLaren Community Medical Center ran a PROVIDER PROFILE report to identify children that were not up to date in the registry.
3. Notify the regional office of any duplicate children who have DIFFERENT last or first names.