

MEDICAL SOCIETY
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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

In Senate Health Committee

S. 75A (HOYLMAN)

In Assembly Codes Committee

A. 279A (GOTTFRIED)

**AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to adult
immunization reporting requirements**

This bill requires health care providers who administer any vaccines to a person 19 years of age or older to report all such immunizations to the New York State Department of Health, or, for health care providers located in New York City, the New York City Department of Health. The Medical Society of the State of New York supports this measure.

This legislation builds upon Chapter 420 of the Laws of 2014 by explicitly stating that healthcare providers, registered professional nurses, and pharmacists shall report immunizations given to adults to the immunization registries of New York State and New York City, allowing the respective Departments of Health to better monitor immunization rates. Requiring that these professionals report immunizations will also allow the Department to track where people are receiving immunizations. It also importantly removes impediments to the collection of this essential public health data by removing the requirement to receive affirmative patient consent for submitting the vaccination information to the NYSIIS database. Moreover, the bill would also permit this data to be submitted to the state and city immunization registries to a regional health information organization (RHIO) or other health information exchange to which health care providers are already regularly submitting patient information.

The Medical Society of the State of New York adopted policy in 2019 that states that the: “*The Medical Society of the State of New York will advocate for universal reporting of adult vaccine doses to the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS), either directly or via health information exchanges, and for removal of the requirement for patient permission to report adult vaccines, as is now the case for reporting of all patient data to health information exchanges. (HOD 2019-167).*”

For all the reasons above, the Medical Society supports this measure and urges that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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