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Subject: MCIR Modernization: Updates on the transition to a new IIS

The work to launch a modernized MCIR in 2026 is well underway! Here's a quick recap of key developments from May:

- **Stakeholder Engagement:** STHealth presented at the Local Health Department Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Meetings on May 13 (Lower Peninsula) and May 15 (Upper Peninsula), sharing project updates and demonstrating STC|One functionality. While in the UP, STC also visited a VFC provider to continue outreach efforts.
- **Legacy Data Cleanup:** A contract is in progress to "cleanse" legacy MCIR data. This includes identifying the most accurate name, address, and date of birth for adult records and removing records for deceased individuals. This work is scheduled for completion by June 30, 2025.
- **School and Childcare Reporting:** STHealth and MDHHS are collaborating to define system requirements that will streamline immunization reporting for schools and childcare providers.
- **HL7 Data Transfer for Providers:** Coming this June, MDHHS will send a communication outlining HL7 specifications and onboarding. There will be a temporary pause in HL7 onboarding this fall 2025. This pause is intended to support all providers during the MCIR Modernization transition. **Interested providers, not currently sending HL7 messages to MCIR, are encouraged to begin the onboarding process as soon as possible.**
- **Did You Know?** STHealth, the new vendor for MCIR, operates one of the largest data exchange networks in the United States. Its ImmsLink interface enables over 1,000 Michigan providers to report to MCIR with real-time access to immunization histories and ensures guaranteed compliance. STHealth simplifies IIS connectivity, allowing providers to stay focused on patient care.

With these milestones, we remain on track to complete the transition and implement the new system in 2026.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the transition, please contact us at MDHHS-MCIRTransition@michigan.gov

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