



**American Academy of Pediatrics
Child Health Improvement through Longitudinal Data (CHILD) Registry
Frequently Asked Questions
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• **Why is AAP building a Registry? Why now?**

- AAP wants to help pediatric clinicians improve child health and well-being through the use of data.
- 94% of office-based pediatricians are using an EHR making an unprecedented amount of electronic child health data available.
- Value based payment is coming to Medicaid and therefore pediatrics; the AAP wants to be prepared to assist its members.
- The CHILD Registry also delivers on two important AAP objectives:
 - Use data and metrics to develop and prioritize areas of need for child health policies;
 - Provide state-of-the-art pediatric practice information in the context of a changing industry and professional landscape.

• **What are some examples of the value that the CHILD Registry will provide?**

The Registry can be used for:

- Benchmarking and improving quality;
- Documenting trends in patient care;
- Public health surveillance of disease;
- Value based payment programs;
- Post market surveillance of medical interventions and
- Secondary research and analysis.

• **Will the CHILD Registry support health information exchange?**

- The CHILD Registry is not a health information exchange; it will not facilitate the sharing of information among providers for day to day patient care.
- The CHILD Registry is a repository for clinical data that facilitates data-driven improvements in child health care, outcomes, and well-being.
- The CHILD Registry will help pediatricians deliver improved care.

• **What impact will the CHILD Registry have on my practice?**

- The Registry will facilitate data driven improvements in care and child health outcomes.

- It will help reduce the burden associated with maintenance of certification, quality improvement, and payment requirements by providing needed data.
- Data will be collected on a continuous basis from a combination of data sources, such as electronic health records and practice management systems, and will leverage other registries and data sources.
- When possible, data will be extracted electronically from EHRs.
- Where possible, the Registry will link to and leverage other registries and data sources.
- **Will my data be shared with others? How will confidentiality and privacy be protected?**
 - Individual physician data will never be shared.
 - Only aggregate, de-identified data will be shared.
 - Data will be collected, stored, and used in ways that are HIPAA compliant.
 - Robust security safeguards will also be in place.
- **When do you plan to launch the CHILD Registry?**
 - AAP expects to launch the Registry sometime in 2021.
- **Is AAP developing the CHILD Registry?**
 - AAP is partnering with ArborMetrix, a vendor that has significant experience developing and operating registries.
- **How can I get more information about the CHILD Registry?**
 - If you have questions about the CHILD Registry, you can email CHILDRegistry@aap.org. More information about the registry will be coming soon!