

Alcohol/Drug Abuse Women's Center
Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries of
Greater Houston (ACAM)
Amerigroup
Association for Family and
Community Integrity, Inc.
Behavioral Health Alliance of Texas
Bering Omega Community Services
Care for Elders
Career and Recovery Resources, Inc.
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese
of Galveston-Houston
ChildBuilders
CHILDREN AT RISK
Children's Defense Fund
Coalition for the Homeless of
Houston/Harris Co., Inc.
Coalition of Behavioral Health Services
Collaborative for Children
Communities In Schools
Community Family Centers
Community Health Choice, Inc.
Covenant House of Texas
DePelchin Children's Center
Depression & BiPolar Support Alliance
Greater Houston (DBSA)
Easter Seals of Greater Houston, Inc.
Family Services of Greater Houston
Fort Bend Regional Council on
Substance Abuse, Inc.
Gateway to Care
Good Neighbor Healthcare Center
Greater Houston Healthconnect
Gulf Coast CHIP Coalition
Harris County Healthcare Alliance
Healthcare for the Homeless-Houston
Houston Area Association for the Education
of Young Children
Houston Area Community Services
Houston Area Women's Center
Houston Center for Literacy (formerly Houston
READ Commission)
Houston Food Bank
IntraCare Behavioral Health
Jewish Family Service
Jewish Federation of Greater Houston
KIPP Houston
League of Women Voters Houston
Legacy Community Health, Services Inc.
Lesbian Health Initiative
Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
Mental Health America
of Greater Houston
NAMI Gulf Coast
NAMI Metropolitan Houston
NAMI West Houston, Inc.
National Association of Social Workers-Houston
Neighborhood Centers, Inc.
Neuhaus Education Center
New Hope Housing, Inc.
Northwest Assistance Ministries
Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services
Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.
SEARCH
Spaulding for Children
Spring Branch Community Health Center
St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities
Texans Together Education Fund
Texas Children's Hospital
Texas Medical Center-Women's Health
Network, Inc.
The Arc of Greater Houston
The Foundation for Hope Village
The Immunization Partnership
The Methodist Hospital System
The Network of Behavioral
Health Providers
The Non-Profit Housing Corporation of Greater
Houston
The Rose
The Women's Home
United Way of Greater Houston
Wesley Community Center
YMCA of Greater Houston

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Healthcare Workgroup: Immunizations/Vaccinations-Registry

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Issue/Concern:

Texas now has a lifespan registry meaning that every Texan can be included in the registry. However, the current opt-in immunization registry system requirement is an inefficient and unnecessary state expense.

Specific Policy Recommendation(s):

- Increase the efficiency and reduce the cost of the state's immunization registry, ImmTrac.
- Modify the current consent process from an opt-in to an opt-out system.

How Will This Impact State Funding? What can be Accomplished?

This policy is expected to save the state money in programming and implementation costs. Opt-in systems are more costly than opt-out systems (see supporting resources below).

Others That Support These Recommendations:

Texas Pediatric Society, Texas Medical Association, Texas Public Health Coalition

Supporting Facts/Research Resources:

Texas' current opt-in system is a time-intensive, inefficient, and unnecessary state expense. If we consent every infant, child, adolescent, and adult, the state would be spending over \$25 million. An opt-out system will cost substantially less and improve participation rates in the state registry. Boom, J. A., et al, "Immunization Information System Opt-In Consent: At What Cost?" *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, 2010, 1-8.

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