

The NMPS Executive Committee has looked for ways to support our Arizona colleagues in the aftermath of the Arizona legislature passing a law many say is unconstitutional and opens the door to racial profiling. At the same time, some of us have noticed an influx of former Arizona Hispanic families into our practices, many of which appear to be legal immigrant children of parents of mixed status. As we look for other ways of supporting pediatric providers in NM, we are also looking for ways to support New Mexico's newest residents.

One way is to make immunization records easier to obtain when one is lacking, such as when a family felt it had to leave Arizona quickly. In conversation with the Arizona AAP chapter, The Arizona Partnership for Immunizations, and the Arizona State Immunization Information System, we found a great deal of common ground; representatives from each indicated that they too were interested in seeking a way to support these families and the providers that care for them. **The Arizona SIIS stated that they would be glad to provide immunization records on former Arizona residents, to doctors' offices, schools, public health offices, and clinics (though not to parents themselves).** We have Dr. Lance Chilton to thank for organizing this effort.

Information you will need in order to get the records are name, date of birth, and parent/guardian name. You are asked to be sure that you are dealing with a family member of the child for whom the record is requested, and to tell the person to whom you speak or write that the patient has moved to New Mexico, so as to avoid their having to send reminder/recall letters, etc. **Then you call Lisa Rasmussen at Arizona SIIS (602-364-3619 or 877-491-5741) and give the above information with your return fax number.** She will then fax the immunization record to you. **Alternatively, you can send the information by fax (602-364-3285, Attention: AZSIIS) or by email (lisa.rasmussen@azdhs.gov) and she will send the information you need.** The Arizona SIIS has also offered to send this information on to New Mexico's SIIS for inclusion in its registry. Be aware that the Arizona statute for required reporting went into effect in 1998, so children born before that time may not have complete records.