

Requesting Multiple Immunization Registry Interfaces

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About

Periodically OP receives requests for multiple immunization registry interfaces, especially when a practice has a single office location in 1 state that is near a border with at least 1 other state. Unfortunately, these requests are not as simple as just configuring the interfaces. This article will outline the steps you need to take for the configuration to be successful.

Get Approval for HL7 Interfaces

First, your practice must contact the bordering state registry/registries that you'd like to connect with and get approval for an HL7 interface. If your office is located in 1 state, there is not typically a reason for you to report your administered vaccines to another state. In most cases, this means you will be requesting a **query-only interface**, which most registries do not allow. This must be discussed with the registry.

Understand Technical Requirements Within OP

If your practice gets approval from the registry in a bordering state to establish an HL7 interface, you will also need to understand the technical requirements within OP. In order for the interface to work:

- You must have a location configured in OP with an address in the bordering state *and*
- You would need to select that location within OP when you want to use the interface.



Warning: If you only have 1 office location, this means that you would need to create a bogus location with an address in the other state. This has multiple implications for clinical and billing workflows and should be carefully considered by your practice before deciding to proceed.