



WellCareTracker™ - a Health Record and Quality Improvement Tool

<http://www.wellcaretracker.org>

WellCareTracker™ is an Internet-based software program for early education and child care programs developed by Stuart T. Weinberg, MD FAAP in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (PA AAP). **WellCareTracker™** is a quality improvement tool for early education and child care providers. It helps educators assure that children are up-to-date for all preventive care services, including screening tests and immunizations throughout the entire program year. No special computer hardware or special software is needed on the computer of the user of **WellCareTracker™**. An educator using any computer that can be connected to the Internet can use it.

WellCareTracker™ documents, assesses, and tracks the completeness and timeliness of routine preventive health services received by children. Providers enter the dates for health supervision services, e.g. dates for health history, growth measurements, physical exam, vision and hearing screening, lead and anemia screening, and vaccines. **WellCareTracker™** determines which vaccines and other preventive services are up-to-date, overdue, or will be overdue in 3 months based on the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics for routine health supervision and the universal national schedule for immunization.

Regulations of the PA Department of Public Welfare (PA DPW) and PA Department of Health (PA DOH) require that early education and child care providers document that enrolled children meet these nationally recommended schedules for preventive health services.

WellCareTracker™:

- Is private and confidential. Only the staff authorized by the early education program can view and/or use data stored by the program.
- Is a quality improvement tool supported by ECELS-Healthy Child Care PA. Pediatric health professionals founded ECELS (Early Childhood Education Linkage System) in 1989 to provide technical assistance, training and consultation so children in Pennsylvania early education and care programs would be healthy, safe, and ready to learn. Over the years, ECELS has received funding from the PA DPW, PA DOH, the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and private charitable contributions for its work.
- Generates preventive care status reports (***Imms/Screenings Status Report***) as of the date that the provider runs the report. **WellCareTracker™** lists the services that are missing for children that are either “Currently Overdue” or will be “Overdue in 3 months”. Routine, monthly use of the ***Imms/Screening Status Report*** identifies children who need recommended services during the program year. A child may be up-to-date at enrollment, and then, because the child grows older while enrolled, **WellCareTracker™** identifies that the child has become “Currently Overdue” or will be “Overdue in 3 months” for specific immunizations and/or health screenings. This allows the educator to remind families to return to their child’s medical home (source of primary health care) for needed updates.

- Generates a “Return to Medical Home Reminder Letter” that educators can give to parents to inform their child’s health provider about gaps in health screening and/or immunization service(s) documentation in the early education program’s records.
- Generates administrative reports, e.g. a report on the preventive care status of all enrolled children that can be given to the Department of Public Welfare licensing representative as evidence of regulatory compliance at annual center licensing compliance inspections.
- Generates the data required for the mandated Pennsylvania Department of Health Immunization Report. Effective 2002, the PA DOH requires all PA early education and care programs to report annually the up-to-date immunization status of 100% of enrolled children in a format acceptable to the PA DOH. **WellCareTracker™** formats the required data either as a spreadsheet (Individual Site DOH Data Worksheet) or as an Adobe format optic scan form that is a copy of the PA Department of Health Immunization History Report (PDF) that PA DOH requires. Note – Since PA DOH needs to have data submitted on forms supplied by PA DOH, data provided by WellCareTracker™ must be manually copied onto the DOH-mandated form.
- An annual subscription for WellCareTracker™ costs \$1.50/enrolled child/year plus a one-time Set-Up Fee of \$25 for two passwords to access the protected Internet data storage site.

If interested in further information about **WellCareTracker™**, contact ECELS (Early Childhood Education Linkage System) by email ecels@paaap.org, by phone at 800-243-2357 (800-24-ECELS) or complete the Information Request form at www.wellcaretracker.org.



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