

WellCareTracker™ - Health Record and Quality Improvement Tool

<http://www.wellcaretracker.org>

WellCareTracker™ is an online software program developed for early care and education programs by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (PA AAP). Using WellCareTracker™ can help early care and education staff meet PA Department of Human Service (PA DHS) and PA Department of Health (PA DOH) regulations. WellCareTracker™ helps educators assure that children are up-to-date for all preventive care services, including screening tests and immunizations throughout the entire program year. An educator using any computer that can be connected to the Internet can use WellCareTracker™. No special computer hardware or software is needed on the computer of the user of WellCareTracker™.

WellCareTracker™ will document, evaluate, and track the completeness and timeliness of routine preventive health services received by children. Staff 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 immunizations.

WellCareTracker™:

- Is confidential; the data are stored on a secure server. Only the staff authorized by the early education program can view and/or use data stored by the software program.
- Generates preventive care status reports as of the date that the provider runs the report. WellCareTracker™ lists services that are missing for children that are either “Currently Overdue” or will be “Overdue in 3 months”. Routine, monthly use identifies children who need recommended services during the program year. A child may be up-to-date at enrollment. As the child grows older while enrolled, WellCareTracker™ identifies children who have 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 DHS certification staff as evidence of regulatory compliance at annual inspections.
- Cost is \$1.50 enrolled child/year annually for subscription plus a one-time Set-Up Fee of \$25 for two passwords to access the protected Internet data storage site.

For more 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.

