

## Summary of VIS Requirements

All health care providers in the United States are required to give a vaccine information statement to any child or adult receiving an influenza vaccine prior to administration of each dose of the vaccine. A current edition of the statement produced by the CDC that can be kept by the recipient must be provided<sup>1</sup>:

- To the parent or legal representative of any child to whom the provider intends to administer the vaccine
- To any adult to whom the provider intends to administer the vaccine

For combination vaccines in which there is not a single VIS, the health care provider should use all of the applicable VISs for all components of the vaccine.<sup>1</sup>

The VIS may be supplemented with a visual presentation or an oral explanation as appropriate.<sup>1</sup>

Health care providers must make a notation in the patient's permanent medical record indicating both the edition date of the VIS distributed and the date the VIS was provided.<sup>1</sup>

### Applicability of State Law

Health care providers should consult their legal counsel to determine whether there are any additional state requirements pertaining to immunization. The federal requirement to provide the VIS is supplemental to any applicable state laws.<sup>1</sup>

### Availability of Copies

Copies of the VIS are available on the CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis) in English and many other languages. Copies may also be available from state health departments.<sup>1</sup>

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**REFERENCE: 1.** Instructions for the use of vaccine information statements: required use. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/about/required-use-instructions.pdf>. Updated 2015. Accessed May 23, 2015.