Immunization Section Teleconference Minutes

Date: July 13, 2011

Present: Jan Bloom, Lisa Wordeman, LaChel May, Kathy Strang, John Anderson, Robert Grenwelge, Diana Martin, and Karoleigh Cassel

Facilitator – Lisa Wordeman

Minutes submitted by Karoleigh Cassel, Immunization Section Administrative Specialist

Clinical Updates by Diana:
ACIP Updates-
Tdap recommended for pregnant women to be immunized in 2nd and 3rd trimester and if not administered during pregnancy, to be administered directly post-partum.

Influenza vaccine-Egg allergy changed from contraindication to a precaution for TIV (inactivated influenza vaccine).

Meningococcal recommendation-
2 doses of quadrivalent meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) are recommended for certain high risk children starting at 2 years. ACIP recommends a two-dose series of MCV4 be given starting as young as 9 months in children with complement deficiencies or children traveling to other countries. The ACIP still recommends that children with asplenia get the MCV4 vaccine at 2 years of age or older.

Herpes Zoster (Shingles) vaccine recommendation remains the same. The ACIP did not vote to changes the ages of administration to 50-59 years of age, due to vaccine shortage. The vaccine is still recommended for 60 years and older.

Vaccine Program Updates by Lisa:
Meningococcal update-Meningococcal vaccine is only available for Vaccines for Children (VFC) eligible children. The Immunization Section has now transitioned to universal-select. The changes to universal-select exclude the meningococcal, human papillomavirus, hepatitis A, and influenza vaccines for any children that are not VFC eligible. Providers are welcome to call the Lisa Wordeman at 307-777-2413 or LaChel May at 307-777-8503 with any questions. Most providers have visited the Immunization Section website www.immunizewyoming.com to view the presentation on the transition to universal-select and have filled out the attestation statement. The providers that did not submit an attestation statement will not receive vaccine orders until the statement is received by the Immunization Section.

Flu vaccine-The flu-vaccine manufacturers have started distribution of the 2011-2012 flu vaccines. Providers may see availability as soon as August or September 2011. Flu pre-booking is under way. If providers have not sent their flu-prebooking form to the Immunization Section, they are encouraged to do so.

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Kinrix-Kinrix vaccine is still unavailable for ordering.

Reminder-Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable diseases (Pink Book) training is scheduled for July 19-20, 2011 at Little America Hotel and Resort in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Registration in advance of the training is $125 and on-site registration is $150. Participants can register online following the link to the Pink Book training at www.immunizewyoming.com.

Wyoming Immunization Registry Update by John:
WyIR Statistics-
Over 472,000 users
4,800,000 vaccinations entered into the registry
151 active providers
1,100 active WyIR users

If providers have any questions on new functionalities in the WyIR, they are encouraged to contact John Anderson.

Inventory issues in registry-A recent patch in the WyIR has fixed any inventory issues that WyIR users were experiencing with vaccine inventory.

Barcoding Demonstration-The day prior to the Pink Book training, July 18, 2011 at 2 pm, a demonstration of the barcode scanners will be given at Little American Hotel and Resort. Space is limited to 35 participants, so early registration is recommended. For any questions, please contact Kim Brown at 307-777-8982.

The next teleconference is September 21, 2011 at 12:15 pm.

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