Immunization Unit Teleconference Minutes

Date: May 15, 2013

Present- Lisa Wordeman, Robert Grenwelge, Valerie Koch, Diana Martin, Kathy Strang, Kristy Westfall, John Anderson, Jude Serrano, LaChel May

Facilitator – Lisa Wordeman, Immunization Unit Manager

Minutes submitted by LaChel May

Immunization Program Updates- Lisa Wordeman, Immunization Unit Manager

Welcome - Please welcome the newest member of the Immunization Unit, Kristy Westfall. Kristy is the new Quality & Compliance Specialist.

2013 Immunization Unit Regional Trainings-The 2013 Immunization Unit Regional Trainings have been completed and were successful. The Immunization Unit received helpful feedback and appreciates all those who attended. Providers who wish to review information that was presented at the Regional Trainings can visit the Immunization Unit webpage at: www.immunizewyoming.com.

Clinical Updates-Diana Martin, Clinical Quality & Compliance Specialist

Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for Tdap-The Tdap vaccine information statement has been updated, as of May 9, 2013. Changes to the updated Tdap vaccine information statement relates primarily to recent changes in ACIP recommendations regarding use of Tdap during pregnancy. A separate "Provider Information" document is available on the Immunization Unit webpage. This document is a quick reference summarizing relevant information from ACIP recommendations, which can be useful when discussing the vaccine with patients. The newest Tdap VIS (05/09/2013) contains information about Tdap only. For patients receiving Td, providers should continue to use the 1/24/12 Td/Tdap VIS until a new VIS dedicated exclusively to Td is available - which is currently in development. Providers may access all VIS through the Immunization Unit webpage at: www.immunizewyoming.com or through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at: www.cdc.gov.

Vaccine Program Updates-Jude Serrano, Vaccine Program Specialist

Expiration of Influenza Vaccine- Flu vaccine will be expiring over the next few months. As a reminder, all expired vaccines must be returned within 3 months of expiration. In addition, providers should not return vaccine without getting approval from the Immunization Unit. Approval is received by completing a Vaccine Return Form, waiting for approval, and receiving the return label that is directly tied to the approved return. Providers should not use old labels or add vaccine to a box that is not approved as these actions cause problems on our end. As a final reminder, boxes should not weigh more than 3 lbs.

Vaccine Ordering Management System (VOMS) Survey-A survey requesting feedback on VOMS will be emailed out to the primary and secondary vaccine coordinators. Please take the time to complete the survey and feel free to forward it to anyone that works with VOMS. The survey is expected to be sent around, May 17th and will be due by May 31, 2013. Provider feedback is greatly appreciated.

Benchmarking- Providers should be aware that benchmarking is occurring this month. Providers can visit the Immunization Unit webpage to access benchmarking information. As a reminder, benchmarking will be submitted electronically this year. The electronic Benchmarking Report will be posted on May 31st. After entering the data, providers can simply click "Submit" in the top right hand corner of the form. If there is any trouble with this process, providers should be sure to have the most recent version of Adobe Reader & Java. If there are additional questions please contact Jude Serrano, 307-777-2413 or jude.serrano1@wyo.gov.

Pentacel ® & Pediarix®-A blast fax was sent out to providers on April 25th providing an update on the Pentacel® shortage, as well as, the Pediarix® allocations. A copy of the fax can be found on the Immunization Unit webpage. The Pentacel® shortage is expected to continue through the summer with a possible allocation next month, however, providers will not be able to order Pentacel® until it is at its full capacity in the fall. Pediarix® will be available to providers for ordering, however, orders will continue to be cut and possibly delayed. Providers should continue with the administration recommendations provided in the blast fax. We understand this situation is difficult for everyone and we appreciate your cooperation. The Immunization Unit will continue to use an equitable process to allocate these vaccines effectively.

Incorrect Inventory and Doses Administered in Order Screen-Providers have been reporting that inventory and doses administered are not correctly showing up correctly in the order screen. If this is happening, providers should determine their order based off the actual inventory from the Inventory Reconciliation Screen. Providers should make note of which vaccines did not appear correctly in the order screen and email this information to either LaChel May at lachel.may@wyo.gov or Jude Serrano at jude.serrano1@wyo.gov. As a reminder, providers should not inactivate a lot number that has zero doses until AFTER the vaccine order has been submitted. This could be part of the inventory problem. If emailing a problem to LaChel or Jude, providers should indicate if they have inactivated a lot number.

Emphasize importance of secondary- Providers should ensure their secondary vaccine coordinator knows everything that the primary does and vice versa. During the order window, especially with the allocation of Pediarix®, we will be calling coordinators more frequently. If the primary is out and the secondary is not up to date one what is going on or how to use VOMS, the issue may not be able to be resolved and the provider may not receive their order for that month. Both contacts need to be able to address all issues and answer any questions. Training and education are always available when requested.

Wyoming Immunization Registry (WyIR) Updates-John Anderson, WyIR Project Coordinator

WyIR Statistics-

Number of WyIR Patients: 579,539
Number of Vaccines Given: 5,685,991
Number of Immunization Providers: 150
Number of Users: 1,105

Interfaces-The Immunization Unit is still working on gaining consensus from partners regarding the "Onboarding Process" for HL7 interfaces. Hopefully, there will be a finalized version of the onboarding process to share shortly.

WyIR Enrollment Updated-Several WyIR enrollment updates have been made and will include:
When hovering over a field, instructions will appear.
Fields within the WyIR have been simplified.
Instructions for the new updated WyIR enrollment changes should be approved and posted soon.

WyIR Training-Providers needing WyIR Training should contact John Anderson at: john.anderson@wyo.gov or 307-777-5773. Training options include on-site and/or remote desktop, depending on scheduling. At this time, John is actively reviewing the reminder/recall process internally and hopes to share information regarding "recommended best practices" soon.

VIS updated in WyIR-As a reminder, VIS are automatically updated and posted within the WyIR. If a user notes a VIS statement default date that does not appear, please contact the WyIR Help Desk for further assistance.

Next Teleconference Date:

The next Immunization Unit teleconference is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2013 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.