Immunization Unit Provider Teleconference

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2013

Present -

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Immunization Unit Updates - Lisa

Regional Training 2014 –

The Immunization Unit is currently in the planning stage for the 2014 Provider Regional Trainings. The information gathered on a recent survey was very valuable in gathering input from VFC/WyVIP providers about locations, topics, and things that they liked or disliked about previous trainings. More information on dates, locations, times, and topics to be covered in the next trainings will be posted to the Immunization Unit's website as soon as possible and also in the Jab & Gab newsletter.

Vaccine Program Updates - Jude

Temperature Logs –

There have been some issues with incorrect recording of temperatures. Providers are reminded to place an "x" rather than write numbers or decimals in the rows that already contain a temperature reference. It is extremely difficult to read these numbers written in these fields after the logs have been faxed. Numbers should only be entered on the form for refrigerator temperatures lower than 1 degree and freezer temperatures lower than -17 degrees. For Min/Max reading, please use only an "x" as anything else cannot be read. Providers are encouraged to scan and email temperature logs if they are able to.

NOTE: The Temperature Log will be changing for 2014 so please be sure to monitor communication and always pull the TL from the VFC/WyVIP Providers webpage.

Vaccine Order: Save vs. Submit –

When providers create vaccine orders prior to the end of a calendar month and save that order, the doses administered data is pulled from the previous month. Even if the saved order is submitted the next month during the order window, the doses administered information will not update.

FluMist Replacement Program – Recently information was sent out to providers regarding the FluMist Replacement Program with MedImmune. There is a link on the Immunization Unit's website, under latest news, where providers can read the information about the replacement program.

Updates to the VFC/WyVIP Webpage - VFC/WyVIP Providers can now locate all necessary forms and information on the VFC/WyVIP Program's webpage. One of the forms recently updated is the vaccine incident report.

Holiday Closures –

Providers are reminded as we enter the holiday season, of the official state holiday dates. If a provider office is closed outside of these days, they still must go in and record temperatures two times a day on their temperature logs. The only date state offices are officially closed in November is the 28th and in December the 25th. Temperature logs with missing dates will be considered non-compliant.

Vaccine Shortages –

Pentacel, Adacel, ActHib, and Daptacel are still under a limited allocation. If additional doses are allocated prior to the December order cycle, some of those vaccines may be available on the order set; however, providers should only order quantities that are equal to one month's use. Requests for vaccines that are not on the order set should be emailed to Jude Alden at jude.alden@wyo.gov. Requests are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Providers should keep requests for these vaccines to a minimum to provide a contingency plan in the event that the vaccine cannot be provided.

WyIR Version Upgrade –
With the next upgrade to the WyIR, providers can expect some important changes to VOMS, focusing on the inventory reconciliation screen. One update is being able to save your inventory before submitting. This function is similar to the one on the order screen in that you have to submit the inventory before an order can be placed.

Storage of Single Dose Td and PPSV23 –
Now that most providers have or will be ordering the single doses of Td and PPSV23, it is important for them to place them in an envelope as soon as they arrive to protect them from exposure to light. The envelope can then be labeled with the name of the vaccine along with the expiration date for easier identification.

Jab & Gab – The next Jab & Gab newsletter will be available around January 6, 2014.

Next Teleconference - January 15, 2014

WyIR Updates - John

Version Upgrade -
The next version upgrade release V5.13.8.1 will no longer contain code to support any Internet Explorer version 7 or below. The recommendation to providers is that they upgrade their browser to IE8 or above. Changes in V5.13.8.1 – The temporary manual password authentication process should no longer be needed. Password resets will happen automatically, without the delays from having a staff member processing the request. New user accounts will receive an automated message from the system instead of notification from staff.

Answers Section –
Currently listed as “Contact Us,” future versions will include additions to the contact us link-and labeled as REACH (Roadmap to Education, Answers, Competency, and Hints)-and will also include the User Manual from our vendor within the application, along with the Release Notes embedded, and Video Trainings relating to mass immunizations and use of the bar code scanner functionality. The Contact Us section will now be located under the “Answers from the Experts” section.

RFP –
We are currently working on a Referendum for Proposal for software vendors for the registry. If any providers are interested in being a user-stakeholder and being a part of the RFP process, please contact John Anderson at 307-777-5773 or john.anderson@wyo.gov.

WyIR Data –
Current number of patients entered into the WyIR: 597,321
Total Number of Vaccinations in the WyIR: 5,938,494
Total Number of Active Users in the WyIR: 817 (decrease from 1,100+ users due to Implementation of policy inactivating user accounts after 90 days of inactivity).
Number of Organizations Enrolled with the WyIR: 141

Meaningful Use –
We are still awaiting determination from the HIPAA compliance office in regards to the agreement that a vendor needs to have in place with the Wyoming Department of Health prior to exchanging data with them. The cost appears to be approximately $18,000 per vendor for a connection. More reports of success will follow once we get these items in place. Providers will have 60 days to create and execute an interface with the WyIR once the process begins, so we expect to be very busy with this process in the near future.

Minutes submitted by: Karoleigh Cassel