Immunization Unit Teleconference Minutes

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Immunization Unit Updates-Lisa
The Immunization Unit has been busy with the start of Flu Season. We are in the planning stages for the next regional trainings for VFC/WyVIP providers in 2014. More information will be sent out with the next Jab & Gab newsletter, with a link to a survey for providers to give feedback on what they would like to see in the next trainings. The link to the survey will be posted to the Immunization website www.immunizewyoming.com.

WyIR Updates-John
Statistics:
1201 Active WyIR users
Almost 590,000 patients have been entered into the WyIR

HIPAA Policies Updated-Message of day posted recently reminding providers not to share passwords. This is a violation of the HIPAA rules. Current version of WyIR made it impossible to test the password change functions, so the WyIR created a manual password authentication method, which will be used until the next WyIR update. A majority of the accounts requiring password changes have been activated within a 24 hour period.

School Nurse WyIR Access-There have been changes to the HIPAA guidance on how school nurses are allowed to access patient records within the WyIR. We do not know what this will look like for school nurses or how it will impact VFC/WyVIP providers. We are awaiting guidance from HIPAA and will keep users up-to-date as we know more. For the time being, we will continue using the previously approved process. If school nurses need WyIR access, they are asked to contact us for assistance in enrolling to become an authorized WyIR user. There have been close to 2000 logins to the WyIR by School Nurses.

New WyIR Version Upgrade-The next WyIR upgrade release will require users to update their Internet Explorer Browser to IE8. The last release of version 5.13.8 on August 31, 2013 was the last one that contains code to support Internet Explorer 7. Providers needing to upgrade to IE 8 will receive information on upgrading their browser.

WyIR Provider Enrollment Agreements-There are pending updates to the WyIR Provider enrollment agreements. Language clarification and addition of structure to requirements for HL7 data submission will be included in the updated agreements. The updated forms will be posted soon for WyIR users.
WyIR Updates with ETS are pending for forecasting.

Onboarding-We are close to resuming the onboarding process for providers, trying to achieve meaningful use of their EMR. We have a process defined that should assist in ensuring the data quality of the inbound information, and those providers interested in connecting. Providers will receive more information in the near future to providers who are interested on where their office stands in the process.

Vaccine Program Updates-Jude

Influenza Vaccine Update

Providers are now able to order VFC Influenza Vaccine. The following presentations are currently available for ordering:

- Fluzone® 0.25mL syringe
- Fluzone® 5mL multi-dose vial
- Flumist® Quadrivalent Single Dose Sprayer
- Fluarix® 0.5mL Quadrivalent syringe

Allocations for Fluzone® 0.5mL single-dose vials have not yet been received and therefore are not available for ordering. When this presentation comes available, providers will be notified via email to the primary and secondary vaccine coordinators.

Provider Guidelines

- Influenza vaccine orders can be placed any time during the month. They will be processed every Thursday.
- Order quantity should be based on a **single months use**, not the entire flu season.
- Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) for each vaccine can be found on the Immunization Unit website at www.immunizewyoming.com.
- Borrowing between public stock influenza vaccine and private stock influenza vaccine is **NOT permitted**.

VFC/WyVIP Program Changes

CDC may be implementing some changes to the VFC Program. There is still much to be discussed regarding the implementation of these changes, therefore more information will come soon. We aren't certain yet what it will all entail, but will keep providers informed as we know more. We are bringing it up now as you will start to see some changes in your packing slip and didn't want you to be surprised. The packing slip will separate doses by fund type: State, CHIP, VFC, and 317. Providers **DO NOT** need to make any changes at this time to how vaccine is "received," managed or stored in their office. Providers should keep the packing slip for later reference. We will keep providers updated through email and blast fax.

Vaccine Shortages

- No additional Pentacel has been allocated
- ActHib is still limited but available. Providers should keep orders to a minimum.
- There are limited doses of Daptacel and Adacel available. Providers will NOT see these vaccines on the order set but are encouraged to email Jude at jude.alden@wyo.gov if they wish to receive some. Requests will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Providers should keep requests to a minimum, and provide a contingency, or alternate in the event

the vaccine cannot be provided.

Changes to VOMS in the next WyIR Version
A new version of the WyIR will soon be released and there will be some positive changes to VOMS that will assist providers in managing their VFC/WyVIP vaccine inventory. These changes are detailed in the Jab N' Gab that will be emailed to primary and secondary vaccine coordinators at the end of this week or early next week. The majority of changes appear on the reconcile inventory screen. When reconciling inventory, providers will now have to select a category and a reason. There will be an "Inventory Last Submitted" date at the bottom of the page that appears in Red if you have exceeded the 30 day reporting requirement. Expired vaccines will be highlighted in Red, and vaccines that will expire in 30 days or less will be highlighted in yellow.

Provider inventory will have the capability to be saved prior to submission. Similar to vaccine orders, when inventory is saved, it is not reported to the Immunization Unit or is carried over to the vaccine order or transfer. Providers must SUBMIT the inventory before creating the vaccine order or a vaccine transfer.

Thermometer Purchases and Calibration Certificates
As of August 1, 2013, when provider communication was first sent out, any new thermometer purchase or calibration must meet the requirements in the Calibration Certificate Checklist and the Thermometer Buying Guidelines. Providers that purchase a thermometer after August 1st that does not meet these guidelines will have to take necessary action to be compliant, including purchasing a new thermometer or re-calibrating again.

Inactivating "0" Lot Numbers
When a provider has administered all doses in a specific lot they should be inactivating the lot number in their WyIR Reconcile Inventory screen after vaccine orders have been placed. If this is not done after the order is created, the doses administered in this lot number will not come over in the order which is used to evaluate the order quantity during approval.
New National Immunization Survey Date has been published and will be featured in an article in October 2013 Jab & Gab Newsletter.

Clinical Program Updates-Val
Several Vaccine Administration Errors for Kinrix vaccine-Article in October 2013 newsletter, so providers are asked to review to make sure they are following right ages and intervals for the vaccine.

PPSV23-This vaccine was recently added the formulary. All providers are required to carry at least one dose of PPSV23. There were a lot of calls to see who the vaccine should be administered to. A document going over PPSV23 recommendations has been posted to the Immunization website.

The next provider teleconference is on November 20, 2013 at 12:15 pm.