Immunization Unit Teleconference Minutes

Date: July 17, 2013
Present-Lisa Wordeman, Karoleigh Cassel, Kathy Strang, Jude Serrano, and Kristy Westfall
Facilitator – Lisa Wordeman, Immunization Program Manager

Minutes submitted by Karoleigh Cassel, Immunization Unit Administrative Specialist

Immunization Program Updates-Lisa

- The Vaccine Advisory Board met for its Quarterly meeting today. PPSV23 was approved for WyVIP eligible children. All providers are required to keep at least one dose of the PPSV23 in their inventory, which is made easier because it is available to purchase in 1-dose options. More information will be posted on the Immunization Unit website www.immunizewyoming.com. This vaccine can be given to WyVIP as well as VFC eligible children.

- Reminder that providers are also required to carry at least 1 dose of the Td vaccine in their inventory, which can be ordered in single doses.

- The CDC requires that all ACIP recommended vaccines be carried by providers.

- Diana Martin, RN, Clinical Quality and Compliance Specialist is currently out on extended leave, and all the providers that typically contact her for clinical guidance are asked to call the other Clinical Quality and Compliance Specialist Val Koch, RN with any questions.

WyIR Updates-Lisa

- The WyIR password policy is changing under guidance of new HIPAA rules. Passwords may need to be changed with the next version upgrade in the WyIR to comply with the new policy. More information will be sent out if providers need to change their passwords.
- New enrollment paperwork will be available soon. As providers enroll or update information, they will see the message of the day on the WyIR that enrollment processes have changed.
- New report will be sent out the first of the month to providers via email for Vaccine Lots to Expire. This report lets providers know about which lot numbers in their vaccine inventory will expire within 90 days. This will help us ensure that we are not expiring vaccine.
- The Reminder/Recall Best Practices new revised quick start guide to be posted to the WyIR document center and also to the Immunization Unit website.
- The Registry will be put out for bids to different vendors or a Request For Proposal (RFP). A Strategic Planning Committee will be created to help with the RFP Process. Any providers who would like to be considered for a spot on the Strategic Planning Committee, please let the Immunization Unit know.

Vaccine Program Updates-Jude

- We are seeing a lot of Vaccine Return Requests for Flu coming in. LaChel has been out for the last week and Jude will be out the next 2 weeks for her wedding and honeymoon, so providers are asked for patience in processing the flu returns, as LaChel will have a backlog of returns to process. Providers are asked to pull the expired vaccines from the fridge and mark "Do Not Use," and store in a cabinet nearby.

- Providers should begin limiting single antigen vaccines on their orders as Pediarix® and Pentacel® will likely come back in full volume in the fall. Providers are still responsible for using these single antigens. Pediarix® and Pentacel® orders will be cut if a provider has a high volume of single antigens to prevent waste. Providers will not be called to let them know their order is being cut.

- Order Volume-Providers are reminded that only 2.5 to 3 months of vaccine supply should be kept in inventory at all times. Providers ordering vaccine that would make their inventory exceed 3 months without justification will see orders for vaccine denied.

- The new WyIR update will show changes to the vaccine inventory screen. When reconciling inventory, a provider must select a category and a reason. The options have been aligned with the CDC guidelines. More information will be distributed as we get closer to the date the WyIR update is released.

- Calibration Certificates-A new detailed checklist detailing what the CDC requires for calibration certificates will be posted to the Immunization Unit website this week. Providers are encouraged to apply the checklist to their current calibration certificates. Providers will not be asked to replace thermometers at this time however, if a provider's facility is looking to replace thermometers, they are reminded to please make sure that the new thermometers meet the requirements. When purchasing new equipment, providers can go to the Immunization Unit website under vaccine storage and handling to review the purchasing guide.

- A vaccine relocation checklist will be posted to the Immunization Unit website which providers are encouraged to use in the event of an emergency where their vaccine must be relocated to another unit. The checklist includes a list of the recommended supplies for relocation of vaccine.

- Reminder to Providers Transferring Vaccine-Providers are asked not to reuse the vaccine shipping boxes that McKesson sends the vaccine in. This is per CDC requirement. Containers are only to be reused in an emergency situation. Providers may be required to purchase transporting materials. Providers will receive updates as soon as more information is provided by the CDC.

Jab & Gab Newsletter-Set to be released sometime this week. The newsletter will contain the results from the VOMS Survey, Benchmarking, and many other important updates.

Next Provider Teleconference: September 18, 2013 at 12:15 pm