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Updates from the Arizona Immunization Program Vaccine Center November 25, 2011

AZ VFC Program Website: http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/act_aipo.htm#vfc

2011 Arizona VFC Operations Guide

The latest revision of the Arizona VFC Operations Guide is being mailed to providers. Please replace your guide with this version. All VFC providers should review the guide to obtain the most up to date information about the VFC Program. The guide may also be found at <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/vfc/index.htm>.

Children with Deductibles

Until now, the Arizona Vaccine Center has been able to allow providers to vaccinate children who have health insurance with a deductible. These children are considered insured and NOT underinsured. We no longer have sufficient federal and state funding to cover these insured children.

Effective January 1, 2012 most providers must use their privately purchased vaccine to vaccinate these children. We request that providers continue vaccinating these children in their clinics and not refer them to the public clinics as limited funding is available to vaccinate these children in public clinics.

Exceptions: Birthing hospitals, county health departments, and other preapproved public providers may continue to vaccinate insured children with or without deductibles.

Unable to Vaccinate Persons 19 Years of Age and Older

Effective January 1, 2012, the Arizona Vaccine Center can no longer provide vaccine to any person 19 years of age and older. We no longer have sufficient federal and state funding to allow all providers to vaccinate persons 19 years of age and older to complete a vaccine series which began when the person was less than 19 years of age.

VFC Eligibility Screening and Reporting Changes

All VFC providers are required to screen children for VFC eligibility before administering VFC vaccine to the child. Screening for eligibility must be completed each time a child comes for vaccinations. Provider screening records are reviewed during quality assurance site visits by AIPO staff/contractor to evaluate if required screening is being completed.

Effective January 1, 2012, providers (except birthing hospitals) no longer have to fax the VFC Eligibility and Kidscare Accountability form to the Vaccine Center. Rather, providers should continue to report the child's eligibility when they report the doses administered to the Arizona State Immunization Information System (ASIIS). A child's eligibility is not reported by birthing hospitals to ASIIS. Therefore, birthing hospitals must continue to report eligibility data by fax to the Vaccine Center.

Upcoming Changes to Vaccine Ordering

Arizona providers order vaccine through the Vaccine Order Management System (VOMS) application in the Arizona State Immunization Information System (ASIIS). VOMS will link with the CDC electronic vaccine ordering system by January, 2013. AIPO will work with CDC to ensure accurate data is received by the CDC system and your vaccine orders are correct. AIPO will inform Arizona providers of any changes to the current system that are needed for interfacing with the CDC system.

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ACIP Recommends Routine Vaccination of Males 11-18 with HPV Vaccine

ACIP recommended the routine vaccination of males 11-18 against HPV during their October meeting. Routine vaccination of males has been added to the VFC Resolution. Therefore, Arizona VFC providers may begin routinely offering quadrivalent HPV vaccine to males 11-18 years of age as well as females 11-18 years of age. Bivalent HPV vaccine can only be administered to females.

The HPV VFC Resolution can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/resolutions/10-11-1-hpv.pdf>

Continue to Fax Temperature Logs to the Vaccine Center

Providers must continue to fax refrigerator/freezer temperature logs to the Vaccine Center monthly at 602-364-3276. A temperature log can be obtained at:

http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/pdf/aipo/Temperature_Log.pdf

Vaccine Center staff review all temperature logs that are submitted by providers to identify if any out of range temperatures have been recorded that would cause the vaccine to spoil. Vaccine will be removed from the provider site if we find out of range temperatures on the logs.

Instruct your staff to monitor the temperatures closely. If they identify that the temperatures have gone out of recommended ranges, they must take action to adjust the temperature to save the vaccine. They must also notify the Vaccine Center of the out of range temperatures by calling 602-364-3642. The provider may be billed if we have to remove spoiled vaccine. Paying for vaccine wastage can be avoided if the staff understands that out of range temperatures will spoil vaccine and that they must take action if they find out of range temperatures.

Provider Name and PIN Required When Submitting Paperwork to Vaccine Center

The Vaccine Center routinely receives a large volume of paper forms faxed by providers. All forms faxed to our office must contain the practice name and the VFC PIN. Without this information, we cannot identify which provider submitted the information and providers might be contacted for missing data that they have already submitted.

2012 Annual VFC Program Re-enrollment

The 2012 VFC annual re-enrollment forms have been mailed to VFC providers. The re-enrollment forms should be completed and returned to our office as soon as possible. Vaccine cannot be shipped to providers that have not re-enrolled by January 1, 2012.