

Update on NVAC Adult Immunization Working Group

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Adult Immunization Working Group Mission Statement

- To assess public health adult immunization activities in HHS programs, identify gaps, and recommend improvements, particularly in program implementation, coordination, evaluation, and collaboration across agencies, that will lead to improved vaccination uptake in adults in these programs.



Work to Date

- Six meetings by conference call since May, 2008
- Reviewed adult immunization programs in HHS agencies:
 - CDC
 - Indian Health Service
 - HRSA
 - CMS-Medicaid, Medicare
 - AHRQ
- Also reviewed Dept of Veterans Affairs' adult immunization programs
- Dept of Defense to be reviewed later



Possible Recommendations under Review by Working Group - 1

- **General:**
 - **Conduct additional health services research about why adult immunization rates (particularly influenza and pneumococcal vaccine) have leveled off in the last 10 years**
 - **Develop and disseminate standard evaluation tools to evaluate adult immunization programs**
 - **Develop guidance on use of alternative vaccination sites, to add to standards for adult immunization practice.**



Possible Recommendations under Review by Working Group - 2

- **HRSA should**
 - **perform regular surveys of at least a sample of their clinics to assess adherence to adult immunization recommendations, and coverage estimates based on records**
 - **begin a quality initiative for adult immunization, using the pending Healthy People 2020 targets and/or the National Vaccine Plan targets as measures.**



Possible Recommendations under Review by Working Group - 3

- **NVAC should**
 - **review the Medicaid coverage summary due from CMS in early 2009 to see if recommendations in addition to those from its Financing Working Group need be made to the ASH**
 - **Recommend increased resources for entering adults into IIS, including use of electronic health records.**



Possible Recommendations under Review by Working Group - 4

- **CDC should**
 - **receive resources to offer timely placement of all adult immunization data on appropriate internet sites**
 - **Receive increased resources for NCHS to support adequate sample sizes in its surveys, permitting analyses by region, demographic, and behavioral characteristics of a variety of populations.**



Possible Recommendations under Review by Working Group - 5

- **CMS should**
 - **evaluate their provider and beneficiary vaccination outreach efforts by appropriate methods**
 - **recommend to Congress that all preventive vaccines be included in Medicare part B**
 - **require as a condition of participation for institutions receiving Medicare payments they must offer all health care personnel influenza vaccination**



Possible Recommendations under Review by Working Group - 6

- **CMS should**
 - **add Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) measures for**
 - **pneumococcal and hepatitis B vaccination for kidney disease patients**
 - **Zoster vaccination for all Medicare-eligible persons 60 years and older**
 - **Tetanus-diphtheria toxoids at ten year intervals for all Medicare patients**



Next Steps

- Review DoD programs
- Discuss and refine recommendations for Committee
- Evaluation how to partner with NVAC Financing Working Group

