



NVAC Update: States and 317

Challenges and Opportunities

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Current Opportunities for Immunizations

- ACA – increased first dollar coverage
- Increased interest from a variety of providers (i.e. pharmacists)
- Shift to 3rd party billing (demonstrates fiscal accountability)

Current Challenges in Immunizations

- Assumptions that public funding is no longer necessary for immunizations due to ACA
- Confusion about what ACA covers where
- Less sympathy towards adults (317 shift to adults)
- Increased responsibilities, expectations
- Challenges in defending infrastructure (3rd party billing, IIS, etc)

External Demands on SHDs:

- Increased Focus On Adults



- Increased Accountability



- Increased VFC Inspections



- 3rd Party Billing Development



- IIS Meaningful Use Requirements



- Focus On Storage And Handling



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Maintaining Infrastructure/Core Capacity



State Responses to New Realities

Adaptations – Specific examples

- Focus on zoster vaccination among uninsured adults
- Working with STD clinics to distribute HPV vaccine
- Increasing TDAP vaccination rates of pregnant women among uninsured adults through FQHCs
- Pre-booking influenza vaccine
- Utilizing 317 for mass influenza campaigns
- Focus on transient and homeless populations
- Providing 317 to ADAP clients

State Responses to New Realities

Challenges

- “Continued cuts in 317 funding have made a state-wide adult vaccination program impossible in Arkansas.”
- Challenges in making the shift to adults – don’t always have systems in place to identify eligible adults.
- Increased responsibilities without increased funds, i.e. Meaningful Use/ IIS

State Responses to New Realities

Challenges

- Concerns about missed opportunities with children.
- Access issues if the in-network providers do not have the appropriate vaccines.
- New site visit requirements have strained field staff – need to figure out how to meet new VFC compliance and AFIX site visits

New Strategies Expanding Access

Boosting Influenza Immunizations at Work: Tools and Guidance for State Health Departments and Their Partners



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Public Health and Faith Community Partnerships: Model Practices to Increase Influenza Prevention Among Hard-to-Reach Populations



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Pharmacy Legal Toolkit

RESOURCE GUIDE AND TOOLKIT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES

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Guidance And Templates For State And Territorial Health Agencies When Establishing Effective Partnerships With Pharmacies During Routine And Pandemic Influenza Seasons

Innovative Approaches

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the ASTHO Immunization Resource Guide. The browser's address bar shows the URL www.astho.org/Immunization-Resource-Guide/. The website header includes the ASTHO logo and the text "ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL HEALTH OFFICIALS". Navigation links for "PROGRAMS +", "EVENTS +", "PUBLIC POLICY +", "RESEARCH +", and "MEMBER SERVICES +" are visible. A search bar with a "GO" button and "Advanced Search" link is present. A "MEMBER LOGIN" button is also shown.

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This resource guide was created to collect innovative best practices and information to help our members and partners consider potential methods to increase access to vaccines and rates of vaccination.

The information is categorized into eight topics, which you can find by following the links below. Or, download the [printable document](#).

Vaccine Finance
Understand how states have maximized funding in a resource-constrained environment.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
Take a closer look at how the Affordable Care Act can impact the

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- HR Directors and Workforce Development Directors Meeting**
May 19-20, 2014
ASTHO - Arlington, Va.
- Healthy Aging Webinar: Supporting Caregivers**
May 27, 2014
2-3 p.m. ET
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Jul 14-17, 2014
Sheraton Hotel & Marina

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Suggested Action Items for NVAC

- New name for 317 program/infrastructure funds
- Assistance in clarifying ACA coverage – in-network
- Multiple voices in support of infrastructure.
- Evaluation of the current landscape – how many grandfathered plans are there – what does that mean in terms of numbers of kids/adults missing vaccination opportunities (Medicaid Gap – non-expansion states).

Suggested Action Items for NVAC

- Assessment of new requirements – conscious articulation of the trade-offs (3rd party billing, MU, etc).
- Evaluation of rural areas – are there adequate providers? Can PH continue to provide the safety net?

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