

American Immunization Registry Association Report

Summary September – December, 2015

The following is a summary of the events and projects during September – December 2015. For additional information please contact Rebecca Coyle at (202) 552.0208.

REGISTRATION FOR THE AIRA 2016 NATIONAL MEETING IS OPEN

Registration is now open for the AIRA 2016 National Meeting to be held April 5-7 at the Westin Seattle in Seattle, Washington. For more information, visit AIRA's website at:

<http://www.immregistries.org/events/2016/04/05/2016-aira-iis-national-meeting>



IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEMS (IIS) EVALUATION

A panel of Subject Matter Experts from across the IIS community began meeting in late 2015 to develop a roadmap for formally assessing IIS conformance with best practice guidance. The group is charged with the following responsibilities:

- Evaluate and designate the initial approach and early governance structure for formal uniform assessment of all IIS.
- Draft an initial Communications and Messaging Plan.
- Evaluate the feasibility of the assessment process transitioning into a formal certification process.

Although this group is focused on mapping the process for formal IIS Evaluation, this work will closely dovetail with the information coming out of the Interoperability Testing Process that is guiding the technical approaches to IIS Assessment.

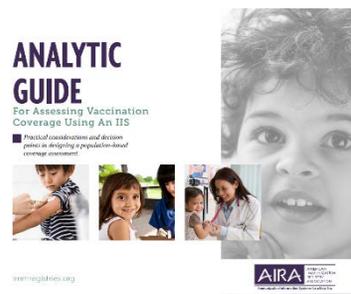
AFIX PHASE II GUIDELINES RELEASED

AFIX is a quality improvement program used to raise immunization coverage levels, reduce missed opportunities to vaccinate, and improve standards of practices at the provider level. The finalized copy of the “AFIX-IIS Integration Operational and Technical Guidance for Implementing IIS-Based Coverage Assessment – Phase II” document was released in August 2015. The Phase II document is intended to be a resource for AFIX staff, IIS staff, and Immunization Program Managers that have already implemented, or are in the process of implementing, the Phase I reporting requirements. Phase I focused on the CDC reporting requirements, Phase II is focused on the optional assessment/report components utilized during AFIX provider feedback sessions, as well as alternative ways of looking at coverage data. Awardees may select the reporting components that are most useful for their AFIX provider feedback session and program policies. This guide provides a variety of report components and companion business rules.



ANALYTIC GUIDE FOR ASSESSING VACCINATION COVERAGE

The purpose of the Analytic Guide for Assessing Vaccination Coverage Using an IIS is to assist Immunization Information System (IIS) staff and other interested parties in using IIS data to conduct population-based coverage assessments. The guide describes practical considerations and key decision points in designing a population-based assessment using an IIS.



The target audience is IIS and immunization program staff at the state and local level. The intent is for the guide to be accessible and understandable to staff with a variety of roles and backgrounds, such as program managers, quality improvement specialists, and epidemiologists.

BEST PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT

AIRA is in the process of developing multiple new best practice guidance documents. Work is currently underway on the following topics:

- Decrementing Inventory via Electronic Data Exchange (DI-v-EDE) – target completion is late summer 2016
- Consolidation of Records – the focus is primarily on vaccine level de-duplication, but will include demographics from vital records – target completion is set for late summer 2017

JOINT DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION (JD&I) WORKGROUP PROJECT SELECTION

AIRA is utilizing an IIS Joint Development Advisory Workgroup made up of representatives from across the IIS program and vendor community, and includes key stakeholders from partner organizations such as the CDC and PHII. The overall charge of the group is to develop governance for IIS Joint Development across the community by “*leveraging and sharing resources to improve the consistency, quality, and/or cost effectiveness of IIS implementation projects*”.

A candidate project was selected by the Advisory Workgroup and approved by the AIRA Board. The project focuses on address cleansing and geocoding, and is striving to develop guidance and offer a centralized service to support address cleansing. The project's preliminary scope has four primary components:

- Address correction in accordance with USPS
- Address completeness and accuracy (addressing missing or mismatched data)
- Geocoding
- Phone number clarification (tracking multiple phone numbers, differentiating between land lines and mobile lines)