

State of the States

Adult Immunizations

New Realities for State Immunization Programs

- ▶ Implementation of the Affordable Care Act
- ▶ 317 re-tooled to adapt to ACA coverage
- ▶ Discretionary dollars are always vulnerable
- ▶ Not likely to see a new entitlement for adult vaccinations

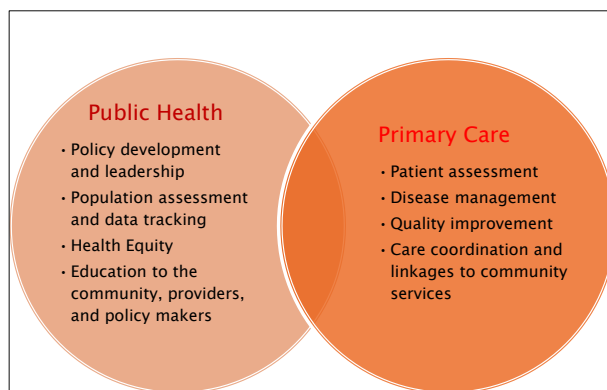
New Realities

- ▶ Increased focus on accountability
- ▶ Storage and handling
- ▶ Increased demands on IT – IIS
- ▶ Re-tooling to adapt – i.e. 3rd party billing

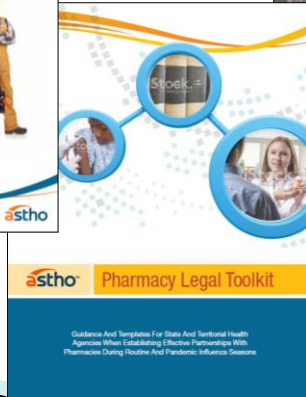
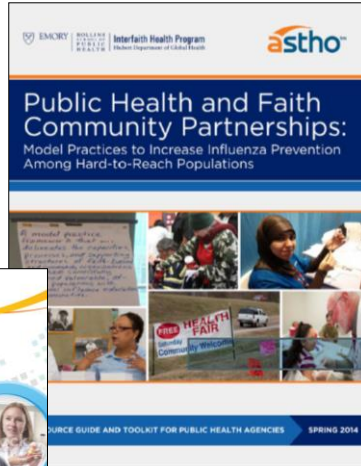
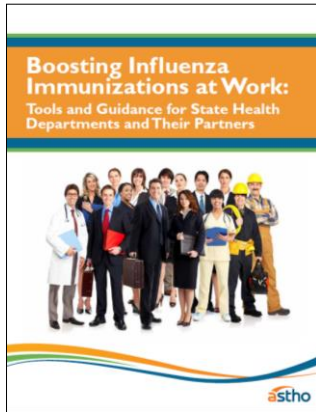
- ▶ Meanwhile –
- ▶ Maintaining core functions

How States are Adapting

- ▶ Looking for new partnerships in health care



Expanding Access



Maintaining Infrastructure/Core Capacity



PROS and CONS

► Pros

- Increased coverage for vaccines
- New focus on adults
- New partners

Cons

- less interest/sympathy for adults
- Forced to justify infrastructure needs
- Significant new activities (IIS, Partnerships...)
- Limited resources

Innovative Approaches

The screenshot shows the ASTHO Immunization Resource Guide website. The page features a navigation menu with categories like PROGRAMS, EVENTS, PUBLIC POLICY, RESEARCH, and MEMBER SERVICES. The main content area is titled "ASTHO Immunization Resource Guide" and includes a sub-header "Access" with a list of topics such as Accreditation and Performance, Branding Public Health, e-Health, Environmental Health, Evidence-Based Public Health, Health Equity, Health in All Policies, Health Reform, Immunization, Infectious Disease, Preparedness, Prevention, and Workforce and Leadership Development. A central image shows a woman and a child smiling. Below the image, there is a paragraph explaining that the resource guide was created to collect innovative best practices and information to help members and partners consider potential methods to increase access to vaccines and rates of vaccination. The information is categorized into eight topics, which can be found by following the links below. Two specific topics are highlighted: "Vaccine Finance" (Understand how states have maximized funding in a resource-constrained environment) and "The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (Take a closer look at how the Affordable Care Act has impacted the...).

Innovative State Examples – adapting to changes

- ▶ Financing – Vermont
- ▶ New Partners – Workplace, Minnesota
- ▶ Healthcare provider vaccination – Mandates (RI, NY)



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