

# DECISION-MAKERS WG

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## Report to the Summit

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## Activities & Accomplishments

- **“State of the States” Project**

- Convened WG Task Force
- Compiled state-level data relevant to adult immunization
- Met with developers of existing Vaccines Facts & Policy Project (VFPP)
- OUTCOME: WG data will be incorporated into VFPP’s interactive website

- **In-Network Providers**

- Met with CCIIO Director to advocate for inclusion of complementary immunizers in networks of health plans offered in federal exchanges
- Sent stakeholder sign-on letter to CCIIO in response to “Draft 2015 Letter to Issuers in Federally-facilitated Marketplaces”
- Sent letter to OPM in response to “Multi-State Plan Program Call Letter”
- OUTCOME: Increased awareness of issue but no federal policy changes yet

CCIIO = Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
OPM = U.S. Office of Personnel Management

## Activities & Accomplishments

- **Sen. Reed's Draft Immunization Improvements Act**

- Met with Sen. Jack Reed's (D-RI) new health staffer to discuss the bill's provisions, which include coverage of all adult vaccines under Medicare B and D, an HHS study of network adequacy, and a reporting requirement for flu vaccination rates among HCWs
- OUTCOME: Initiated positive stakeholder dialogue with staff and secured the Senator's commitment to the bill this session

- **WG Share Site**

- Secured a new web tool, Open Atrium, that facilitates the sharing of policy and advocacy documents by members of the DM WG
- OUTCOME: Documents still need to be added to the site, but it should serve as a resource repository for the WG

## Challenges

- **Employers**

- Encountered difficulty getting employer groups engaged in NAIS and the DM WG
- Conducted some outreach to employer groups, but continued effort is needed

- **Lack of Economic Data**

- Has been cited repeatedly as a barrier to employer engagement on adult immunization
- A few WG members are working to finalize a literature review of existing adult immunization economic studies and to publish a new paper on the impact of 4 adult VPDs (burden of disease, cost)

## Next Steps for 2014-2015

### Continuation of Existing Activities

- Addition of “State of the States” Project’s data to VFPP vaccinefactsandpolicy.org
- Meeting with new CCIO Director on in-network providers
- Engagement on Sen. Reed’s draft immunization bill
- Outreach to employer groups
- Dissemination of economic data

## Next Steps for 2014-2015

### Potential NEW Activities

- Advocate for federal appropriations for adult IZ programs
  - Section 317 Program (doses for adults, infrastructure)
  - Extension of Medicaid primary care services payment increase (“the Bump”) past 2014
  - Integrated IIS and the development of adult IZ metrics (quality measures, etc.)
- Determine what role the Adult Immunization Standards play in our discussions with decision-makers and how to incorporate into outreach and advocacy

## For Your Consideration

- Has your NAIIS WG identified any policy/legislative barriers that require education and/or advocacy with decision-makers?
  
- AUDIENCE RESPONSE QUESTIONS