Vermont’s Vaccines for Adults Program

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Vermont’s Vaccine for Adult Program

- Modeled after the VFC Program
- Annual reenrollment is required
- Vaccines are purchased through the CDC Adult contract
- Vaccines may be used to treat any patient 19-64 years of age who is seen at an enrolled provider practice
- Primary care practices may enroll, pharmacies may not.
Funding

- **Insured Population**
  - Vermont law requires insurers to pay into the program based on covered lives [www.VTvaccine.org](http://www.VTvaccine.org)
  - Medicaid (adult) is treated as an insurer

- **Uninsured Population**
  - Federal 317 vaccine funding is used
Requires actual data on the patient population 19-64 years

- Based on patients seen during the previous 12 months
- Practices report the number of adults who received ≥1 vaccinations
- Practices must specify the type(s) of data used to determine the provider population
Vaccines Offered through the VFA Program

- MMR
- Hep A
- Hep B
- HZV (Shingles)
- 9vHPV
- Tdap
- MenACWY
- MenB

- TD
- PCV13
- PPSV23
- Varicella

Adult flu vaccine is currently not available
2016 Adult Immunization Rates, BRFSS

- Tdap (> 18 years) – 74.5%
- Pneumococcal (18-64 years, at risk) – 38.4%
- Pneumococcal (≥65 years) – 76.8%
- Zoster (60-64 years) – 45.5%
Adult AFIX??

Initial Planning:
- Identify practices with the lowest immunization rates
- Assess IIS data quality
- Focus on key strategies - consider state healthcare reform initiatives
- Develop tracking system
- Test new “Adult AFIX” with a few practices; tweak as indicated
VFA Program Challenges

- Medicare doesn’t contribute; therefore it only covers adults through 64 years
- Multiple immunization providers – only PCP’s allowed to enroll in VFA
- Difficult to project vaccine demand at PCP’s
- Flu vaccine isn’t currently included in VFA Program (risk related to pre-buy)
- New ACIP recommendations (ie: RZV-Shingrix) – mid-year changes