

NAIIS Access and Provider Working Group In-person Meeting

May 15, 2019



Introduction

- Access and Provider Working Group (WG) meets monthly throughout year 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. (ET)
 - Participation open to any NAIIS members
 - <https://www.izsummitpartners.org/naais-workgroups/access-provider-workgroup/>.
- Seeks to improve access to and administration of ACIP-recommended vaccines by
 - Identifying policy and practice barriers
 - Promoting solutions to increase adult immunization rates, through
 - Promotion of research,
 - Sharing of best practices, and
 - Development of tools to improve implementation of the national standards
- Today we will review past activities and start process to identify priorities for upcoming year



Thank you!

- Access and Provider Working Group Leadership
 - Pam Carter-Smith, AAFP
 - Debra Hawks, ACOG
 - David Kim, CDC
 - Kimberly Martin, ASTHO
 - Mitch Rothholz, APhA
 - Litjen (L.J.) Tan, IAC
 - Selam Wubu, ACP
- Volunteer leaders and WG members!
- LaDora Woods for WG organization and logistics!



Priorities identified May/June 2018

- 2018 discussions focus improving access and removing barriers for vaccination of adults
 - on Medicaid
 - in FQHCs
- What WG activities are addressing these issues?
 - CDC conducting analyses of state level Medicaid payment for adult vaccines
 - To follow: CDC analysis of adult vaccination coverage of patients with private vs public insurance, stratified by levels of Medicaid payment for vaccines and vaccine administration by state or city.
 - NAIIS funded NACHC to identify policy barriers and possible strategies for FQHCs to improve adult vaccination rates.
 - White paper on best practices in development – NACHC to discuss



Priorities Identified May/June 2018

- Other priorities identified
 - Develop health IT best practices fact sheet for immunizations – audience would be health systems and providers
 - Develop white paper or other publication on best practices for coding/billing in collaboration with health systems/AMGA and/or others

What was done to address these issues?

- IAC/AMGA/NAIIS organized in-person meeting February 2019 to identify
 - remaining gaps in information needed to support the business case for adult immunizations efforts by healthcare systems, and
 - next steps in developing a roadmap to assist healthcare systems in implementing adult immunizations recommendations
- White paper in development with Becker highlighting best practices for healthcare system implementation of adult immunizations



Main Findings from Healthcare Systems Meeting, February 2019

- Identify motivators – assessment of vaccination performance (measuring) and Quality Measurement (e.g. CMS STARS)
- Rationale/Implementation
 - Build team to include clinical, coders, HIT, quality measurement
 - Emphasis on population health and improving patient experience
 - Leverage existing systems, e.g. pediatric IIS reporting
- Payment
 - Reduce billing and coding errors; scale to reduce per patient costs
- Include Collaborators
 - E.g. Immunization Coalitions, industry, academia, public health, state Medicaid, pharmacy organizations, QIN/QIO, etc.
- Identify continuous process improvement/sustainability

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Priorities identified May/June 2018

- **Other priorities identified**
 - **Engage patient advocacy groups for persons with high risk conditions like diabetes and heart disease to identify areas for collaboration with NAIS**
 - This is being done in Influenza WG



Ongoing Activities

- Development of business case for providers and healthcare systems
 - Recent study results from RTI/NVPO/CDC and University of Michigan/CDC provide data to better support business case
- Continue to promote use of IIS
 - IIS promotional brochure for medical providers updated
 - IIS promotional brochure for pharmacists in development



NACHC Discussion of Project to Identify Policy Barriers and Potential Solutions to Improving Vaccine Access in FQHCs

- Sarah Price and Colleen Meiman, NACHC



Proposed Priorities for 2019-20

- Complete and promote business case for adult immunization
 - Include expanding awareness of RTI and U Michigan studies' results
- Complete white paper from healthcare systems meeting and promote finding
- Complete NACHC white paper and promote findings and solutions for adult vaccination in FQHCs
 - Consider one-pager on opportunities for immunization programs and Medicaid programs to collaborate



Proposed Priorities for 2019-20

- Revise CPT code for vaccine counseling when vaccines are not given in light of RTI study findings
 - Work with provider organizations to identify support
 - Revise and resubmit to AMA process
- Monitor impact of new HEDIS measures, changes in other adult vaccine quality measures, and reduction in Healthy People 2030 measures that include vaccinations
- Identify means to expand use of IIS for adults



Proposed Priorities for 2019-20

- Are there other/different priorities?

