National Adult Immunization Coordinators’ Partnership (NAICP) Call

July 13, 2023
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (EST)
Agenda

• Welcome

• **NVAC presentation**: Adult Vaccine Access Coalition Federal Policy Updates

• **CA Dept of Public Health presentation**: California Safety Net: Vaccines for Adult Program and Local Health Department Support

• **AIM presentation**: An Overview of the AIM Member Assistance Program (MAP)

• Closing remarks and announcements
NAICP background

• NAICP works to increase adult immunization rates across the United States.

• Supports jurisdiction-level adult immunization coordinators in connecting and sharing best practice programmatic information.

• Provides information on adult immunization related topics as well as tools and resources to support jurisdictional-level programming.

• Participates and provides insight on adult immunization jurisdictional-level programming on national work groups, summits, etc.
NAICP goals

• Increase awareness and uptake of adult vaccines through education of providers and the general public.

• Assess and prioritize adult immunization issues by:
  • Sharing adult immunization information.
  • Conveying successful project ideas.
  • Discussing legislative roadblocks and successes impacting adult immunization.
  • Supporting adult immunization coordinators in adopting and implementing best practices in improving adult vaccine awareness and coverage.
Thank you NAICP EC members and liaisons!

• Since the relaunch of NAICP in January of 2023, the executive committee (EC) with AIM and CDC liaison support has:
  
  • Recruited new and talented adult immunization coordinators to join the EC.
  
  • Convened 3 all-membership meetings, including one in-person at the May National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit (NAIIS) meeting in Atlanta, GA.
  
  • Worked with NAIIS, AIM and CDC leadership on planning and implementing programming to support adult immunization coordinators following feedback from the NAIIS Summit meeting.
  
  • Created an all-member listserv with the support of AIM to connect with the NAICP community on a monthly basis.
  
  • Updated the [NAICP web page](https://www.naicp.org), including the resources sections with the support of NAICP liaison organization and other national partners.
NAICP Leadership

• EC members:
  • Nisha Gandhi, California (co-chair)
  • Alyssa Strouse, Michigan (co-chair)
  • Annie Fedorowicz, Minnesota (temp/outgoing co-chair)
  • Andy Noble, Pennsylvania
  • Edward Wake, New Mexico
  • Zachary Ehrlich, New Jersey (new!)
  • Kelly Jones, New Hampshire (new!)
  • Samuel Ortiz Severiano, Texas (new!)

• CDC Liaisons:
  • Sam Graitcer
  • Charleigh Granade

• Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) Liaison:
  • Emily Messerli
Adult Vaccine Policy Updates
Abby Bownas
Adult Vaccine Access Coalition
Adult Vaccine Access Coalition (AVAC)

• Established in 2015 to strengthen and enhance access to and increase utilization of vaccines among adults.

• AVAC is made up of a diverse group of health care providers, vaccine innovators, public health organizations, patient and consumer groups.

**Estimated Adult Vaccination Rates for Four Vaccines, 2020**

- Flu: 46.3%
- Pneumococcal: 70.1%
- Shingles: 31.6%
- Tetanus: 70.3%

Source: GAO analysis of Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data. | GAO-22-105334

AVAC is fighting to make necessary policy changes to increase vaccination rates — saving lives and money.
3 out of 4 adults are missing one or more of four critical vaccines for flu, pneumococcal, shingles, and Td or Tdap.

http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.ss7003a1
## Barriers to Adult Immunizations in the U.S.

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Core Policy Goals to Improve Adult Vaccination Rates

1. Strengthening Vaccine Infrastructure
2. Creating Equity in Vaccine Access
3. Promoting High Immunization Rates
4. Eliminating Financial Barriers
President's FY24 Budget Proposal

Opportunities to Strengthen Immunization Infrastructure

**CDC**
- Immunization Infrastructure $989 (+317m)
- Flu $251m (+20m)
- Hep B $44.5m (+11.5m)
- NEW Vaccine for Adults proposal $12B (mandatory funding)

**CMS**
- Part D Vaccines
- Medicaid Vaccines
- Medicaid Coverage of Vaccine Counseling
- Nursing Home Education
- Pandemic Preparedness Vaccine Authority
Equity in Vaccine Access

In 2019, white adults were almost twice as likely as Black and Hispanic adults to receive shingles vaccinations.

More than 75% of the U.S. population received a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in less than a year.

37 million routine adolescent and adult vaccine doses were missed from January 2020 to July 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Promoting High Immunization Rates

- Adoption of Quality Measures
  - Adult Immunization Status Measure
  - Prenatal Immunization Composite
- Supporting Vaccinators
  - Improved reimbursement for Vaccine, Counseling, Administration
- Provider and Patient Education

“Encouraging adults to adhere to a recommended vaccine schedule has the potential to improve quality of life for millions and reduce the tremendous burden our communities and healthcare providers shoulder with respect to treating vaccine-preventable illnesses.”

- THE VALUE AND IMPERATIVE OF QUALITY MEASURES FOR ADULT VACCINES
IRA Sec 11401
Eliminates copays/out of pocket expenses for ACIP-recommended vaccines under Medicare Part D

IRA Sec 11405
Requires coverage for ACIP recommended adult vaccines in traditional Medicaid and CHIP programs.
Medicare Part D No Cost Vaccines

• January 1, 2023
• Adult vaccines recommended by the ACIP are now available to people with Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D) at no cost.
• Part D Vaccines include Shingles, Tetanus-Diphtheria-Whooping Cough, future vaccines.
• Prior to effective date, CMS released:
  • Guidance to Part D Sponsors (9/26)
  • Communications Fact Sheets/FAQ (10/5)

Medicaid No Cost Vaccines

October 1, 2023

- Establishes federal coverage requirements across all Medicaid programs and populations.
- CMS Guidance Released (6/27)

- **ACIP.** Makes recommendation to follow ACIP recommended vaccines.
- **FMAP.** States that currently provide Medicaid coverage for immunization without cost sharing, receive a one percentage point increase in their FMAP for their Medicaid expenditures for these services.
- **Providers.** Encourages broad array of providers
- **Payment.** Encourages states to consider setting payment rates at actual acquisition cost and adequate professional fee for admin to incentivize access/availability.
- **State Plan Amendments.** Details that states must submit SPA by October 1.

Current Vaccine Coverage & Cost Sharing in Medicaid

11 Fee for Service States & 6 Medicaid Managed Care do NOT cover one or more ACIP recommended vaccines.

## Looking Forward

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Americans that have first dollar coverage for ACIP-recommended vaccines

Learn More:  
www.adultvaccinesnow.org

Contact Us:  
https://adultvaccinesnow.org/contact/

Follow Us:  
@AVACNow
California's Safety Net:
Vaccines For Adults Program and Local Health Department Support Programs

CDPH Immunization Branch
National Adult Immunization Coordinators Partnership
July 13, 2023
Vaccines For Adults Program Overview

• The California Vaccines for Adults (VFA) program was created in 2016 by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to increase adult vaccination rates and decrease disparities in immunization coverage

• Provides no-cost vaccines for uninsured or underinsured adults 19 years of age and older

• Promotes the standards for adult immunization practice into routine adult clinical care
  ➢ ASSESS immunization status of all adult patients at every visit
  ➢ Strongly RECOMMEND vaccines that adult patients need
  ➢ ADMINISTER needed vaccines or REFER to a provider who can immunize
  ➢ DOCUMENT vaccines received by your adult patients
Program Overview

• Expand access to 317-funded vaccines to eligible Federally Qualified Health Centers (FHQCs) in California
  ➢ Federal 317 budget used for VFA Provider Orders, 61 Local Health Department Orders and Outbreak Prevention Efforts

• To be eligible to participate in the VFA program, providers must:
  ➢ Have active participation in the California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program
  ➢ Have experience providing a safety net for uninsured and underinsured adults
  ➢ Be enrolled in the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) or Healthy Futures

• Total of 532 providers enrolled in the California VFA Program

• Opened VFA program enrollment in 2016 and 2021

• Resource: VFA Program Overview
Distribution of VFA Providers in CA

Number of VFA Locations Per Region

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VFA Ordering

• Most vaccines routinely recommended for adults by the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are available through the program

• Quarterly ordering cycles
  ➢ Allow monitoring of ordering, spend plan monitoring and adjusting
  ➢ Able to forecast anticipated need for each remaining quarter
  ➢ Prepare order limits/Caps scenarios for upcoming quarters
  ➢ Strategic order processing at the end of the Federal Fiscal year
VFA Ordering Data cont’d

Total Quantity Ordered by VFA Provider from 2019 to End of May 2023

Number of VFA Providers that Ordered Each Year from 2019 to End of May 2023
Local Health Department Support

• 61 LHDs order vaccine routinely for underinsured/uninsured adults
  THOUGH most of the budget goes towards VFA
• Increasing number of outbreaks makes planning difficult
317 Budget Challenges

• VFA Providers are now ordering up to the budget
  ➢ Placing ordering limits/caps on VFA orders with limited funding

• Due to a limited budget, enrollment of additional VFA providers is not possible

• Future vaccine availability for VFA will be dependent upon increased budget and demand

• Addition of new vaccines (RSV, COVID-19) creates challenges for the program

• 317 Budget supports vaccination efforts of uninsured adults at 61 local health departments

• 317 Budget supports outbreak prevention efforts (vaccinating primarily insured population)
Questions?

• THANK YOU!
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  • Lindsay Reynoso – Lindsay.Reynoso@cdph.ca.gov
  • Nisha Gandhi – Nisha.Gandhi@cdph.ca.gov
An Overview of the AIM Member Assistance Program

July 13, 2023
Introduction

Dr. Diadra W. Biles,
MAP Project Manager
2021 – 2023
MAP Technical Assistance
2021 Member Assistance Program Activities

27 affinity group meetings covering 5 program topics

3 rounds of matchmaking interviews

2 toolkits (adult immunization program business operations and health equity)

6 workgroup meetings

• 1 One affinity group meeting had one attendee; we opted to end the meeting early
• 2 Two workgroups had one attendee; we opted to end the meeting early
MAP Resources

Toolkits

MAP Health Equity Toolkit
July 15, 2022

This toolkit includes five resources for advancing health equity in immunization programs.

MAP Adult Immunization Business Operations Toolkit
July 7, 2022

The AIM MAP team created this toolkit to provide immunization programs with resources and approaches to addressing business operations challenges.
Insights From The 2022 Annual Needs Assessment and Other Data Collected
Assessing Immunization Program Needs

Annual Needs Assessment

- **29** Survey participants
- **16** Focus group participants
- **2** Key informant interviews

Surveys and insights captured during interviews, matchmaking meetings, affinity groups and workgroups
Priorities

Most Challenging to Reach

Promising Practices

Priority Populations

People who are:
- Homebound
- Immigrant
- Transient
- Living in motor homes
- Underinsured
- Undereducated

Health Equity

Challenges
- Staff shortage
- Incomplete information
- Providing services to non-English
- Infrastructure community
- Coordinating advance help
- Identifying organization to activate

Community Partnerships

Challenges
- Incentivizing staff
- Tracking patients with insured programs
- Defusing mistrust
- Accessing large number of vulnerable populations
- Ensuring community engagement
- Engaging programs
- Continuing the COVID-19 vaccines

Business Operations

Challenges
- Hiring and training new staff
- Tools and technology to support stakeholder engagement
- Data sharing (interoperability)
- Funding for ongoing adult immunization programs
- Staff retention
- Succession planning

Promising Practices
- Logic model to engage in strategic planning
- Grant manager to support the team with budgeting and funding opportunities
- Training for staff in motivational interviewing strategies
Current MAP Activities and Resources

- Needs Assessment survey, 2 focus groups, 4 key informant interviews
- Webinars: 3 DAAP Spotlights Series and 3 Shared Learning
- Written Summaries: 6 affinity groups, 1 Goal Tracker and Objective Tracker
# MAP Curriculum Overview

## AIM MAP Technical Assistance Activities 2022 - 2023

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• Presentation slides and a recording of this webinar will be made available on our web page later in July: [www.izsummitpartners.org/naicp/](http://www.izsummitpartners.org/naicp/)

• Save-the-date for our final 2023 quarterly all-member meeting scheduled on **November 2, 2023, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. EST.**
  
  • Webinar registration information will be shared through our newsletter and web page in the Fall.

• Reminder that all NAICP member communications now come through our listserv ([naicp@Immunizationmanagers.org](mailto:naicp@Immunizationmanagers.org)).
  
  • Join NAICP by subscribing to our listserv on our web page.
  
  • Invite colleagues to subscribe to NAICP that work on adult immunization for your jurisdiction’s Immunization Program.
Thank you!

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