

ARIAs, Suggested Solutions, Notifiable Diseases, and Ordering State-Funded Vaccines

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State Purchased Vaccine Orders

- Beginning October 1, 2016, CHDs will order their own state purchased (non-VFC) vaccines for insurance billing
- Orders will be placed through Amerisource utilizing Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy (MMCAP) pricing
- In 2003, AL Attorney General issued an opinion establishing MMCAP as the sole source for vaccine purchases and exempt from the state bid process

Benefits for ADPH & CHDs

- Decreased distribution expense (Staff time, warehouse space and maintenance, UPS, shipping supplies)
- CHD will control vaccine presentations
- CHD ability to be flexible to county needed, i.e., establish adult vaccine program
- Less refrigeration space required

Benefits for ADPH & CHDs

- Increased “Share Back” from Amerisource, thus reducing cost of future purchases
- Vaccine can be ordered when supply demands
- No monthly inventories sent to Central Office, thus reducing CHD staff time
- Move closer to private provider model

Ordering Procedure Until 10/1/16

- CHDs will use Immunization Division’s (IMM) Central Office purchase order (PO) for vaccines needed until FY’2017
 - CHDs must establish POs after 10/1/16
- Order vaccine with Amerisource IMM’s PO 3522138

Ordering Procedure Until 10/1/16

- When invoice arrives, material receipt providing Fund Code: FB 115 0099, Object Code: 0901; and Cost Center: 065, Site Code: 700
- Send the invoice to Betty Helms, Suite 1486 RSA Tower, for approval
- Finance will not accept invoice until IMM authorizes payment
- IMM will send the invoice to Health Finance for payment.

Ordering Procedure After 10/1/16

- Process no different from current ordering for Family Planning and STD drugs
- Currently CHDs have Amerisource purchase orders for:
 - Family Planning 340B Drug Account
 - STD Meds Account
 - Clinic - All Other, General, or Miscellaneous Account

Ordering Procedure After 10/1/16

- Vaccines can be purchased on the Amerisource Clinic General Account or the CHDs may want to create a Vaccine Account
- CHDs will pay their own invoices through Health Finance for vaccines purchased in FY 2017

Vaccine Ordering

- IMM will provide current inventory at warehouse, while supplies last
 - Send order for these vaccines to immunization@adph.state.al.us
- CHD will call Amerisource to place vaccine orders
- Amerisource will stock vaccines required or provide it within 10 business days

Vaccine Ordering

- CHD can order vaccines when inventory runs low
- No need to wait until month or quarter end
- Be sure to order enough vaccine so CHD does not run out
- Don't over order and allow vaccines to expire

Vaccine Ordering

- You cannot borrow VFC vaccines
- You must distinguish between VFC and state vaccines in refrigerator

Vaccine Ordering Continued

- Flu vaccines must be pre-booked in February or March to ensure vaccine is reserved for your clinic
- We encourage you to stay with the current vaccines on the Encounter Form

Vaccine Ordering Continued

- If you order a vaccine not on the current Encounter Form, you must immediately send the following information for inclusion in PHALCON to:
immunization@adph.state.al.us
 - Vaccine Name
 - Manufacturer
 - Vaccine Brand Name
 - NDC Code

Vaccine Ordering Continued

- Play close attention to how the vaccine is packaged
- Some vaccines are packaged in a box of 5 doses and some in packaged in a box of 10 doses
 - Tdap is package in 10 x 1 dose vials

Vaccine Ordering Continued

- If you order 4 boxes you will receive 40 doses
- If you order 40 you will receive 400 doses
 - ActHIB is packaged in 5 x 1 dose vials
- If you order 4 boxes you will receive 40 doses

Vaccine Ordering Continued

- If you order 40 you will receive 200 doses
- If you need assistance with Amerisource, contact Nancy Bishop, Acting State Pharmacist, at (334) 206-3014

Vaccine Funding

- IMM will provide funding based on vaccines administered 7/1/2015 -7/1/2016
- Another fund source will be used for Flu
- Beginning 10/1/16, insurance vaccine and administration reimbursements will be deposited in CHD accounts
- CHDs will continue to receive the \$8.00 Administration Fee for VFC vaccines

Insurance Reimbursements

- Beginning 10/1/2016, vaccine and administration reimbursements will be given directly to the CHDs
- Enable CHDs to follow funds from vaccine purchase, administration, and reimbursement
- When the EOP arrives, staff will be able to determine if the correct amount was billed and reimbursed

Insurance Reimbursements

- Administration reimbursement rates are antigen based
- An antigen refers to all individual antigens in a vaccine
 - Combination vaccines are those vaccines that contain multiple antigens

Returning Vaccines

- If you have expired or spoiled vaccines, follow the Manufacturer's vaccine return policy
- Do not send to Mitchell Young Road Warehouse
- Some manufacturers will reimburse cost of vaccine and excise tax
- Some manufacturers will only reimburse the excise tax rate of .75 per antigen

Education

- All clinic staff involved in vaccine must watch the "You Call the Shots" and "Vaccine Storage and Handling" on CDC's website,
 - www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html
- Free CEU/CMEs are available for watching this resource
- There are 13 other immunization related programs available

1 Entry-level Staff RN/District

- IMM will pay salary and fringe for 2 years
- Total funding for 2 years = \$125,000.00
- RNs should assist all district CHDs with immunization-related activities, for example:
 - Vaccine ordering
 - Vaccine inventory
 - Vaccine administering
 - Return expired / spoiled vaccine

e-PHIX

- IT will provide Explanation of Payment (EOP) designee access to vaccine EOP in e-PHIX
- Check EOPs to ensure all vaccines administered to patients have been correctly billed and reimbursed
- If a discrepancy, contact the ADPH Billing Unit (334) 206-5233

Accounting & Distribution

- Insurance is a third-party payer, CHDs will be responsible in ensuring the reimbursements are distributed to the proper accounts
- CHDs should work with Health Finance to set up an account for vaccine reimbursements
 - Contact Finance at (334) 206-5233

Accounting & Distribution

- The vaccine cost reimbursement must be placed in a separate account ensuring funds are available for future vaccine purchases
- This will assure the sustainability of the vaccine program

Accounting & Distribution

- If CHDs want to expand their vaccine programs, vaccine administration reimbursements must be used for increased vaccine purchases

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