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UPDATES for *September 2019*

- Please make the monthly Bulletins available to all staff members. They are available for review any time at <http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/ehr/bulletin.html>.
- Various manuals, authorizations, consent forms, instruction sheets, etc. are in the ADPH Document Library. To access them, go to the Document Library and click on EHR. The various documents will pop up. If you have suggestions for creating or posting additional documents, contact Victoria Brady at Victoria.brady@adph.state.al.us.
- The EHR website has been updated and we invite you to visit the site. <http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/ehr/index.html>
- Reminder: The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act of 2009 provides Health and Human Services (HHS) with the authority to establish programs to improve health care quality, safety, and efficiency through the promotion of health IT, including electronic health records and private and secure electronic health information exchange.
- All questions, comments, and requests for assistance should be emailed to the EHR team. Type, "EHR@adph" and the recipient address will auto-populate. If you need immediate assistance, you are welcome to call us as well, however, documenting your situation through email first allows us to keep an up-to-date log of problems and concerns. If a situation is widespread, it may be something that merits investigation statewide and we can run reports and check the email log to determine frequency and a course of action.
- Please pay close attention to the dates Depo injections are administered. If given too early, we cannot bill for the injection and will not be paid.
- The EHR team is making plans to begin having a monthly Orientation for new-hire nurses and clerical staff. Please watch for further announcements.
- Training via video conference on Immunizations will be provided for each district's clerical and clinical staff members in the coming months. We began with the Southwestern District and will take one district at a time moving northward. We will cover everything you need to know about capturing accurate immunization data in CureMD and transmitting that data directly to the ImmPRINT system. This will eliminate double keying into the systems.
- We expect to have our new calendar functionality go live by December 1. We apologize for the delay, but we want to make sure this is working correctly before rolling it out. Clerical staff/directors should test the functionality once it is placed into the test environment. Our goal is to have all workflows perform as efficiently as possible, and we appreciate your patience as we perfect various features that will simplify your day.