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Agency Highlight Johnson County Public Health

The Johnson County Public Health held a “Back-To-School” clinic this summer, each Wednesday from July 15th through September 16th 2015, for children in Kindergarten through 12th grade. This promotion not only fulfilled the school requirements of the children but was an outreach opportunity for the department. The event was partially payed with Medicaid reimbursement from services provided in FY15, but donations were also given from local stores supporting the children’s education.

Staff including dental hygienists, nurses, and clerical, along with volunteers, together made this event a success. The services that were provided included:

- Care coordination/dental care coordination
- Presumptive Medicaid Insurance (as needed)
- Vision Screenings
- Immunizations
- Dental screenings, fluoride-varnish and dental education
- Lead Screenings

The Update is a monthly web newsletter published by the Iowa Department of Public Health’s Bureau of Family Health. It is posted once a month, and provides useful job resource information for departmental health care professionals, information on training opportunities, intradepartmental reports and meetings, and additional information pertinent to health care professionals.

Important Stuff

IME Informational Letter #1569 FluMist Provided by the Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program [\(See attached.\)](#)

On October 8, 2015, the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) received notice from the Iowa Department of Public Health that the VFC program FluMist for the 2015-16 season will not be available until late December 2015. Providers may use and bill for private stock when providing flu vaccine to children.

The IME has identified the following products for reimbursement by Iowa Medicaid Fluzone, FluMist and Fluarix and the following (National Drug Code) NDCs: 58160-0903-52 , 66019-0302-10, 49281-0515-25, 49281-0415-50, 49281-0415-10, 49281-0623-15, 48281-0396-15

To bill Medicaid for private stock FluMist for a VFC eligible member, the appropriate flu vaccine procedure code with an appended “U8” modifier must be used. The vaccine administration procedure code should be billed as usual. Claims submitted without the “U8” modifier appended will result in non-payment of the vaccine.

When billing the “U8” modifier, the claim must:

- Be submitted with the “U8” modifier appended to the appropriate CPT code for the FluMist vaccine.
- Include sub-charges for each line item/vaccine code billed. Reimbursement at the fee schedule rate will only occur when line item sub-charges are equal to or greater than the IME fee schedule rate.

If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

1st Five News

The 1st Five Healthy Mental Development Initiative is a public-private partnership bridging primary care and public health services in Iowa to enhance high quality well-child care. 1st Five supports health providers in the earlier detection of social-emotional and developmental delays and family risk-related factors in children birth to age five and coordinates referrals, interventions and follow-up. 1st Five builds a support system between families, medical practices, local child health centers and a variety of community –based services.

The program grew out of the Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD II) Initiative and has been funded as 1st Five in the state legislature since 2006. In FY16, the program is expanding into three additional child health agencies, including: FAMILY, Inc., Marion County Public Health and Webster County Health Department. This expands the reach of the program from operating in 49 Iowa counties and 11 Child Health Agencies to 65 Iowa counties and 14 Child Health Agencies. The three expansion sites will focus the first 11-months of the project on community planning and infrastructure building, including forming relationships with local healthcare providers and community partners. The eleven implementation sites continue to build and maintain local relationships as well as provide care coordination, referral and follow up for 1st Five families.



For Your Information

Medicaid Listening Sessions

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have RESCHEDULED the Listening Sessions on Medicaid Modernization. These offer opportunities for public comment on the transition of Iowa Medicaid to Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). See the full email below. Note that the sessions for 'Other Providers' and 'Consumers and Advocates' are as follows:

Other Providers

November 18th 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm CST

Participant Toll-Free Dial-In Number: 1-800-837-1935

Conference ID: 82231504

Consumers and Advocates

November 19th 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm CST

Participant Toll-Free Dial-In Number: 1-800-837-1935

Conference ID: 82231506

Amendment to MCH Contracts

Implement the use of the enhanced care coordination algorithm for CYSHCN, developed and piloted in partnership with 1st Five, within Title V child health (CH) programs. Local CH agency will work with Regional centers for CHSC to develop strategies to achieve community-based partnerships.

This language was added to your contracts to put the beginning of rebuilding the relationship between Title V MCH programs and CHSC. CHSC will be working with agencies over the next year to begin implementing the enhanced care coordination algorithm. Until your region/agency has conversations with CHSC staff, you are not expected to implement the use the algorithm. At this time, I would just suggest that you reach out to your regional CHSC center, if you don't already know them.

Lactation Counseling is a Free Preventative Health Service for Women

There have been many lingering questions about coverage of preventive services under the ACA. Several questions involve coverage of [lactation counseling](#). The health law mandates that all non-grandfathered health plans and insurers provide a list of lactation counseling providers within their network; they must cover out-of-network lactation counseling providers without cost sharing if none are available in network. Plans and insurers cannot limit coverage of lactation counseling to inpatient services, since women generally continue to breastfeed once they leave the hospital following birth. Plans must continue to cover breastfeeding equipment for as long as an enrollee continues to breastfeed. For additional information and clarification regarding the preventive health services benefit, visit healthcare.gov.



Calendar at a Glance

November	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
	29	30					

December	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

Resources

MCO Information: [Key Provider Managed Care Implementation Resources Released](#)

Article: [America's Pregnancy-Care Paradox: Paying Ever More for the Same Bad Results](#)

