

IMPROVING COVERAGE FOR 4TH DTaP

TISWG WORK GROUPS – November 4, 2010

What follows are the results of the 9 work groups that were ask to look at “shovel ready” activities to improve DTaP vaccination rates, particularly the 4th dose. The groups were first to define barriers and then address a solution that could be implemented in the next 180 days.

BARRIERS

The following are barriers listed by all the groups. Duplicate ideas have been totaled. The number of groups having the same idea is shown in parenthesis.

1. Misunderstanding/Misinterpretation of the schedule (5)
2. Provider Confusion (3)
3. Record keeping with parents is not good (2)
4. Loss to Medicaid at 12 months requiring action (2)
5. No Medical home (2)
6. To many vaccines and visits to get all the shots taken (2)
7. People don't know what DTaP means (2)
8. Providers see a financial incentive in the 15mo visit
9. Parents/some providers may not understand the importance of the 4th dose
10. CDC Schedule is too confusing
11. Misunderstandings/Misconceptions of combination vaccines
12. Change of Providers
13. Access to Healthcare
14. Pushback on schedule
15. Copay limitations
16. Lack of confidence in ImmTrac
17. Missed opportunity by non-traditional providers

18. No recall reminders
19. Language issues
20. Transportation
21. No incentive for Physicians
22. What population is not getting it – needs to be targeted effort
23. Responsibility of parents needs to be strengthened
24. Parents don't have time
25. MMR – too much at one visit – may not come back
26. Combo's have positive impact
27. Day care – increased illness
28. Mfg's cannot recommend DTap and 12 months because FDA has not approved it
29. Parents don't tend to return because of cost
30. Turnover of providers

“SHOVEL READY” RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Physician Education and Messaging (4)

Physician should play key role in communicating. Messages from Physicians to parents, messages to Physicians, TMA newsletters, providers need automated system for messages, ImmTrac could deliver messages – auto recall, empower parents to ask status of child's vaccination history, add training online, how local business donate for incentives.

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2. Daycare Focus/ImmTrac Reminders (3)

Have an immunization counselor – bilingual. Parents need incentives to participate. Improve day care access and utilization of ImmTrac to get them more involved.

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3. Parent Education

Parent education to see where shots are being missed, review use of day care as focus area study to see why parents are not getting 4th DTaP, look at poor performing providers, see what other states are doing

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4. Research from ImmTrac which providers not giving the 4th DTaP as compared to their pattern for earlier doses

5. Meaningful use – tie to administration of the 4th DTaP

Opportunity with stimulus package as Physicians are moving to electronic medical records in the next year. Can we tie ‘meaningful use’ needs of EMR and highlight it with physicians to encourage using trackers.

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6. ‘Done by One’ slogan for education process for parents/providers and day care. Speakers, printed material for parents/providers

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