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VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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What's New...

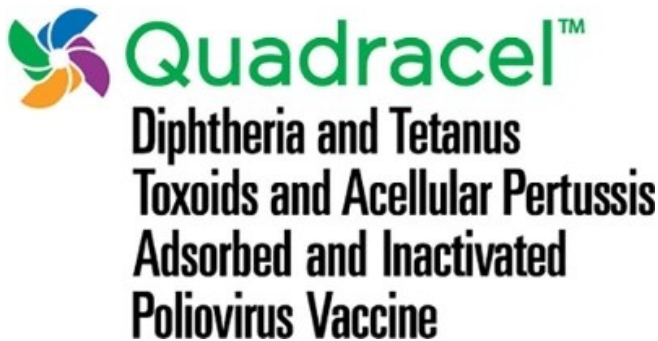
Meaningful Use Registration & Transitioning to MIPS

Medicare providers previously participating in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Meaningful Use program are transitioning to the new CMS Merit Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) in 2017. This has raised many questions on how these providers should register intent with Virginia Department of Health. The information on page 2 provides some clarification on how to complete a registration in the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) Meaningful Use (MU) Registration System while transitioning to MIPS.

****More MIPS information on page 2...**

New Vaccine in VIIS

A new vaccine has been added to VIIS: **Quadracel** (DTaP/IPV). Visit the link for indications and guidance for use (<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6434a5.htm>). The vaccine can be added to a patient's record through the VIIS Electronic Inventory, Historical Data Entry, or Data Exchange from your EMR (Electronic Medical Record) System.



Did You Know...

2017 CDC Pink Book Supplement

A 2017 Supplement to the 13th Edition of the Pink Book is now available. The supplement reflects the latest ACIP recommendations and includes supplementary immunization information on HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine, Meningococcal vaccines, and Pneumococcal vaccines.

Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/supplement.html> to view or download a copy of the supplement.

Gardasil-9

CDC has released an updated VIS for Gardasil-9 (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/hpv.html>), containing information about the recently-approved 2-dose schedule. Otherwise, it is the same as the existing Gardasil-9 VIS. While this updated VIS should ideally begin to be used now, existing stocks of the current VIS may continue to be used, particularly for patients using the 3-dose schedule.

2017 VVFC Requirement

Please note that the VDH requirement for all Virginia Vaccines for Children (VVFC) providers to record administered vaccines into the Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS) went into effect January 1, 2017. Providers are to enter all administered vaccines from both public and private stock into VIIS within 30 days of administration by way of manual entry or data exchange. The entry of historical data is not a requirement, but is strongly recommended as a strategy to obtain accurate coverage rates. If you have not or cannot meet this deadline please let us know as soon as possible. VVFC will work with providers who notify them to maintain their eligibility to participate with the VVFC Program.

If you have questions regarding this requirement contact Ms. Mbaitisi at:

Monalisa.Mbaitisi@vdh.virginia.gov

VIIS Registration & Training

Are you in need of VIIS training or know a provider/school who wants access?
Contact a VIIS Consultant at (804) 864-8055 or
viisinfo@vdh.virginia.gov

To register, click on the link below:

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/verip>



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Transitioning to MIPS Continued...

- The guidance for 2017 is to complete your registration in the VDH MU Registration System even though you are no longer participating in MU. VDH will use this same registration system to track both MU and MIPS providers.
- The process to update a registration is the same; log into the VHD MU Registration System and select 'create a registration for a different attestation year'. The previous information will carry forward and certain fields will be left blank for you to fill in.
- If the year is not available in the drop down menu, please select year 3.
- In the Comments section of the updated registration, add a comment that the site is now participating in MIPS and note the correct year.
- If you have new Eligible Clinicians participating in MIPS that did not previously participate in MU, please include them on your 2017 registration in the Eligible Professionals section.
- If your EMR is using the 2014 CEHRT edition, select No to the Bidirectional Query/Response Capability question.
- If your EMR is using the 2015 CEHRT edition, you have the option to select Yes or No to the Bidirectional Query/Response Capability question. Answering Yes to this question will put your registration in queue to set up an interface to pull immunization data from the registry into your EMR system.

Bidirectional Query/Response Capability

Is your EHR capable of submitting immunization data and receiving immunization forecasts and histories from the VDH immunization registry (VIIS)?*

Yes No

The 2017 MU registration verifies that the site registered, notes their status and confirms intent. The MU Registration System will be able to provide documentation if needed for future reference or in the event of an audit. Once the MU registration is completed a confirmation email will be sent.

There are modifications that are being considered for the VDH MU Registration System to reduce confusion for MIPS providers. VDH has not received any guidance from CMS on how to capture the information and transition to a new set of reporting procedures. Until we have more information, please incorporate these recommendations for the 2017 MU registrations.

If you have any questions about submitting immunization data to VDH for MU or MIPS, please contact Christy Gray or Toni Vance at Meaningfuluse@vdh.virginia.gov.