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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LETTER

Welcome to the 2019 IAMHP Quarterly newsletter.



In this issue, we will be talking about building a movement around cancer prevention - HPV and Colorectal Cancer.

We have the power to reduce the HPV cancer burden here in Illinois. Learn more about the improved vaccination rates and resources available to providers.

Colorectal cancer is a preventable and treatable. Whether you are a care coordinator, provider or member, learn more about appropriate prevention strategies and screening.

We've also included the highlights from our Lobby Day in Springfield.

Remember to mark your calendar for the 2019 IAMHP conference – September 24-26.

Warmest regards,
Samantha Olds Frey

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2019 Annual Conference

Tinley Park Convention Center
September 24-26, 2019



MAKING A LASTING IMPACT ON HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINATION (HPV)

There are more than 100 types of human papillomaviruses (HPV). High-risk types of HPV can cause cancer in the cervix, oropharynx (including the soft palate, the base of the tongue, and the tonsils), anus, rectum, penis, vagina, and vulva. The HPV vaccine prevents these and other HPV-related cancers.

In Illinois, more than 11,000 people annually are diagnosed with a cancer that is associated with HPV. This includes 8,448 people, mostly men, who learn they have oropharyngeal cancer, and 2,215 women who are diagnosed with cervical cancer. Tens of thousands more undergo treatment for new cases of cervical dysplasia, or pre-cancer. HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States.

HPV is linked with:

- 90% of cervical and anal cancers
- 60% of penile cancers
- 70% of vaginal, vulvar, and oropharynx cancers

Strategies to Help Increase HPV Vaccination Rates

1. *Confident, Consistent Recommendation*
The number one reason parents decide to vaccinate is because their provider recommends it. In fact, people who receive a recommendation from their providers are 5 times more likely to receive the HPV vaccine.¹
2. *Remind Patients to Complete the Series*
As important it is for providers to recommend the HPV vaccine, it is just as important that providers follow-up with their patients to ensure they return and receive the second shot to complete the HPV 2-shot series. More adolescents complete the HPV vaccine series when their provider calls or sends a reminder.

¹ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3518336/>

BUILDING A CANCER PREVENTION MOVEMENT

In 2012, under Medicaid fee-for service, Illinois was in the 10th percentile nationwide for adolescents receiving the HPV vaccine. Today, under Managed Care, Illinois' HPV vaccination rates have improved across all four state-wide health plan performance scores for 2017.¹

IAMHP attributes this improvement to the health plans, providers, and community partners working together to align strategies and coordinate efforts. Managed Care health plans have dedicated quality improvement staff who work closely with providers and community-based organizations to share HEDIS measure education and best practices, engage in data and information exchange, and develop and implement targeted quality improvement initiatives.

While Illinois is above the national average of HPV vaccinations, there is more to do. Illinois' health plans are committed to improving quality, increasing HPV vaccination rates, and preventing HPV-related cancers. Numerous organizations offer support for plans, providers and patients, including the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), EverThrive, and the American Cancer Society (ACS).

Additional Resources

- [Are you prepared to talk about the HPV vaccine?](#) (EverThrive)
- [Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\) Vaccination Information for Clinicians](#) (CDC)
- [Talking to parents About HPV](#) (CC)
- [Ten Tips for HPV Vaccination Success](#) (CDC)
- [Cancer Prevention Through HPV Vaccination in Your Practice: An Action Guide for Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners](#) (National HPV Roundtable)
- [HPV Reminder and Recall Systems](#) (CDC)

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HPV IMMUNIZATIONS QUALITY COMPARISON 2012 FEE-FOR-SERVICE TO 2017 MCO HEDIS MEASURES

	IL FFS CY2012 Percentile	MCO 1 CY2017 Percentile	MCO 2 CY2017 Percentile	MCO 3 CY2017 Percentile	MCO 4 CY2017 Percentile
HPV - immunization	10 th	66.67 th	95 th (IMA-HPV)	50 th	>90 th

Green – above the baseline

IAMHP 2019 LOBBY DAY

With the new Pritzker administration and Democratic majorities in the Senate and House of Representatives, we assembled care coordinators, CEOs and quality managers to help educate new legislators on the evolution of Medicaid Managed Care in Illinois and discuss ways to work together to improve healthcare outcomes for Medicaid Members.

“We are seeing better healthcare outcomes for members under managed care,” said Executive Director Samantha Olds Frey, “we compared quality metrics from the fee-for-service based program in 2012 to the new managed care model today and found the majority of managed care organizations (MCOs) are performing in a higher percentile than under the fee for service model”

IAMHP convened over 30 meetings with fellow advocates and legislators to discuss short- and long-term goals for Medicaid Managed Care in Illinois specifically focused on denial rates, standardizing processes for providers and increasing accountability for providers, plans and the state.

One of the Care Coordinator Advocates felt positive about the direction of healthcare and reflected by saying, “Lobby Days was such a fantastic opportunity to learn and meet new people from across the state. It was so positive to be able to interface with my colleagues at other health plans, along with the legislative leaders in order to ultimately improve healthcare outcomes for the community. I came out feeling a sense that in reality we are all on the same page, because we are looking to do what is best for our members.”

As a result of lobby day, we developed an action plan for working with safety net hospitals, formed working groups on key topics like discharge planning, behavioral/mental health, billing guides, long term care rebalancing, and IT innovations.

Lobby Day Packet: [Learn more about the benefits of care coordination through real examples and new innovative programs from MCOs and providers that are helping improve member outcomes.](#)

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS

Colorectal cancer starts in the colon or rectum and is on the rise for people younger than 50. Yet this cancer is amongst the most preventable and treatable types of cancer through appropriate prevention strategies and screening.

Whether you are a care coordinator, provider or member navigating through the health care system, this month challenge assumptions and misconceptions about colorectal cancer by dispelling myths, raising awareness, and connecting the community with information about colorectal screenings.

For more information about Colorectal Cancer in Illinois visit [the Illinois Department of Public Health Website.](#)

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