

A Quality Improvement Project to Increase Adult Immunizations



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ★ RESOURCES ★ FREE SUPPORT

What Your Practice Can Expect as a Project Participant with IPRO

Technical assistance, tools and resources are free of charge.

- Assistance in using your electronic health record (EHR) to target patients at highest risk and in greatest need of immunization;
- Assistance in the collection and validation of practice immunization data to determine accurate practice immunization rates;
- Examples of and support in establishing a process to include an immunization assessment during office visits;
- Support in using your EHR clinical decision support (CDS) to track patients' immunization status;
- Assistance in organizational changes such as implementation of standing orders or patient recalls/reminders to increase immunization rates;
- Support in configuring your EHR for prompts/reminders for the clinicians in your practice;
- Instruction on how to use IV and PPV metrics in Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) reporting and related payment incentive programs;
- Assistance in understanding the process and benefits of reporting to and querying the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) or New York State Immunization Information Systems (IIS)—specifically the value of the CIR and IIS in helping your practice meet the Meaningful Use (MU) public health requirements of the CMS EHR Incentive Program and in determining your patients' immunization status; and
- Educational resources for both clinicians and patients.

What Is Expected of Participants

- Work with IPRO staff to improve rates of these three vaccinations (IV, PPV, and HZV).
- Share results of your patients' immunization status with the IPRO team.
- Improve documentation of patients' immunization status in your EHR system.
- Consider reporting and/or querying of the Department of Health's Immunization Information System.

For More Information

To learn more about joining IPRO's adult immunization project, contact Veronica Pryor, Project Manager, Healthcare Quality Improvement Program at 516-209-5631 or e-mail vpryor@ipro.org.

IPRO, the New York State Medicare Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO), invites you to participate in an immunization quality improvement project aimed at increasing the rates of adult immunizations. We are contracted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to work with physicians and clinicians to increase adult vaccination rates—specifically influenza vaccine (IV), pneumococcal vaccine (PPV) and herpes zoster vaccine (HZV).

Historically, adult immunization rates have been low (recent national rates are 42% for IV; 60% for PPV, and 20% for HZV). CMS has set target immunization rates of 70% for IV, 90% for PPV and 30% for HZV.



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