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A LOCH @ NESIIS



Entering Imms on Time

Tech Tips

This month's tip relates to **Meaningful Use**.

This month we'd like to remind those of you with current EMR/EHR systems about how sharing your data electronically with NESIIS helps you meet Meaningful Use requirements.

Guidelines released in 2010 outline the electronic sharing of medical information and there are incentive payments to do so. By sharing your data with NESIIS electronically, you can meet those goals AND stop entering your data into both NESIIS and your EMR/EHR!

So the big tip for this issue is: **Data Exchange pays two ways!**

Contact us today to learn about how we can help at no cost to you!

Questions? Help Desk info, page 3!

Department of Health & Human Services



Vaccine Transaction Summary by Provider

Report run on: 08/30/2011 11:40 AM For Dates Between 11/01/2010 and 11/30/2010 Page 1

Provider Name **Scott's Test**

Group Name	Trade Name	Funding	Beginning Inventory	Received (+)	Rejected & Restocked (+)	Imms Given (-)	Transferred (-)	Wasted (-)	Error (+/-)	Expired (-)	Ending Inventory
DTP/aP	DAPTACEL	PUBLIC	19.0								19.0
DTP/aP	Infanrix	PUBLIC	35.0								35.0
DTP/aP	Kinrix	PUBLIC	14.0								14.0
DTP/aP	Pedarix	PUBLIC	28.0								28.0
DTP/aP	Pentacel	PUBLIC	14.0								14.0
DTP/aP	TriHIBit	PUBLIC	25.0								25.0
DTP/aP	Tripedia	PUBLIC	25.0								25.0
Flu H1N1-09	H1N1 Flu-Mist	PUBLIC				2.0					
HPV	Gardasil	PUBLIC	15.0								15.0
HepA	Havrix-Peds 2 Dose	PUBLIC	15.0								15.0
HepB	Engerix-B Peds	PUBLIC	35.0								35.0
Hib	ActHib	PUBLIC	14.0								14.0
Hib	PedvaxHIB	PUBLIC	20.0								20.0
Influenza	Flu-Mist	PUBLIC	28.0			-1.0					27.0
Influenza	Fluvirin	PUBLIC	15.0								15.0
Influenza	Fluzone	PUBLIC	15.0								15.0
MMR	MMR II	PUBLIC	39.0								39.0
MMR	Proquad	PUBLIC	45.0								45.0
Meningo	Menactra	PUBLIC	20.0								20.0
Meningo	MENOMUNE	PUBLIC	13.0								13.0
Pertussis(Tdap)	Boostrix	PUBLIC	29.0								29.0
Pneumococcal	Prevnar 7	PUBLIC	35.0								35.0
Polio	IPOL	PUBLIC	47.0			2.0					49.0
Td	DECAVAC	PUBLIC	20.0								20.0
Varicella	Varivax	PUBLIC	39.0								39.0
Td	DECAVAC	PRIVATE	15.0								15.0
Totals:			620.0			3.0					621.0

Impact on Transaction Summary

The image above is of the Transaction Summary Report, which is used to show transactions against your inventory at any given time.

There are two dates in NESIIS for each entry. One is the vaccination date **you** enter into the client's record. The other is the "transaction" date which the **system** recognizes as the date you entered that immunization into NESIIS.

For example, let's say you held a clinic on November 30th but didn't enter the data into NESIIS until December 1st. You would enter the vaccination date as being 11/30, but NESIIS will track the date you entered that as being 12/1. THAT is the date this report is based on.

This then impacts the accuracy of your reporting to the State specific to vaccine usage within a given month because the systems uses the "transaction" date – not the vaccination date..

Time takes a hit, too

In addition to the aforementioned issue of accuracy with your Transaction Summary report, the idea of "pre-entering" immunizations ahead of appointments is doubly troubling.

While we understand the idea is to be prepared ahead of time or to have reports ready-made for clients, the effort creates a huge risk of incorrect data in the system.

Entering the immunizations before they actually occur is, aside from falsifying medical records, not a time saver. If the client doesn't show, you have to go back into the record to delete the entries, meaning you've now spent twice the amount of time for the same duty.

Also, remember that with the public access portal, any client can pull up their own records in NESIIS. Be sure to enter their SSN into the record, and give them the web address. If you need it, or need magnets to advertise, e-mail us!



Data Exchange Successes!!

As new providers begin sharing their data with us electronically, we'd like to highlight those efforts here and say **congratulations** to each of them!

Chadron Community Hospital

Fremont Area Medical Center

Shopko Pharmacies

Walgreen's Pharmacies

We'd especially like to highlight Chadron Community Hospital for becoming the first provider in the State to automate data exchange with NESIIS.

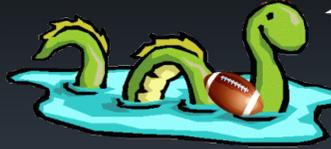
Though many providers are working toward this at present, they completed setup and testing in less than a month and began sharing data live on 7/12/2011. Way to go!!!

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Immunization Program



Flu Season

Help!

Inventory Reminder

Last year, we came across a few situations where vaccine inventory was not added accurately in NESIIS.

For some reason, this occurred with influenza vaccine more than any other, so we'd like to remind you to make sure you have the correct dosage entered when you're adding inventory this season.

By default, NESIIS will populate the dosage size as being .5 mL. While that's generally correct, it's obviously not for some Adult doses. Please be sure to change those accordingly.

Best Methods To Receive Assistance:

We'd like to encourage everyone to use the toll-free line for any support calls, because that affords you the best chance to speak to someone if Scott is off for the day or not in the office. Calling either of our direct lines can mean a delay in receiving assistance if we are not available or in that day.

For issues that are not time-sensitive or specific to password issues, e-mail is the best option. You can e-mail Scott directly or the Help Desk account as you see fit. While Scott is responsible for all NESIIS support, Michelle does still provide backup when she has time.

Screening Questions

Screening Questions for ALL immunizations		Yes	No
1. Is the child sick today?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
2. Does the child have allergies to medications, gelatin, yeast, eggs or any vaccine?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
3. Has the child had a serious reaction to a vaccine in the past?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
4. Has the child had a seizure or a neurological problem?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
5. Does the child have cancer, leukemia, AIDS or any other immune system problem?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
6. Does the child take cortisone, prednisone, other steroids, anticancer drugs, or X-Ray treatments?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
7. Has the child received a transfusion of blood, plasma, or a medicine called immune globulin in the past 6 months?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
8. Is the recipient pregnant or at risk for becoming pregnant within the next three months?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
9. Has the child had chickenpox?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	

Had Trouble Saving?

For a number of months we have been trying to track down the reason why some users were having difficulty saving screening questions.

Initially we located an issue regarding New clients, and we implemented a message prompt to help users understand the need to Save a new client before trying to save the screening questions.

An Additional Solution:

We have just added another level of processing that occurs when you save the questions behind the scenes.

We believe this will correct the issue of the questions not saving to the client record but will continue to monitor this moving forward. Please e-mail the Help Desk with the time/date it occurred IF it happens on any existing clients.



New To NESIIS!

These new players joined the NESIIS team in May-August.

High Plains Clinic - Holdrege

Phelps Memorial Health Center - Holdrege

Dr. Roy Pediatric Clinic - Bellevue

Edgewood Family Physicians - Lincoln

Shopko Pharmacies

Faith Regional Family Medicine - Norfolk

Valley Medical Clinic - Big Springs

Family Health Care Center - Lincoln

WELCOME!

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Immunization Program



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Public Access Tips

Nebraska State Immunization Information System

Immunization Record Search

Families and individuals can use this screen to view and print their immunizations. First Name, Last Name and Birth Date are required.

* First Name * Last Name

* Birth Date MM/DD/YYYY

Please supply the Social Security Number:

* SSN - -

Click one of the links below to see the Nebraska State Immunization Information System Parent Brochure:

- [NESIIS Parent Brochure](#)
- [Folleto de NESIIS para Padres de Familia](#)

Search Home Help

Good job!

Many of you are directing parents to the public access portal so they can locate and print out the records on their children. Great job helping advertise this!

Remember, we need the SSN:

The SSN must be entered for parents to be able to see their child's information. It's important to assure this info is being populated, so don't hesitate to ask for it.

Staff Changes

Just a reminder:

Please advise us of any staff changes as soon as they happen, or well in advance, by e-mailing the Help Desk.

By keeping access limited to only current employees, we can better maintain the security of NESIIS and accuracy of the data.

If you have new employees you'd like to add, e-mail the Help Desk with their name, phone number, e-mail address and what functions they should be able to do. An account will be set up as soon as possible.

Next?

What are we working on next?

At present we are completing the build phase and working on testing of a new module designed specifically for a HepB project and making schedule updates.

As stated in the last edition, this Fall or early Winter we will begin work on the new Scheduling Wizard. This will have a major impact on how easily we can implement the complex schedule changes required of us. Right now we are awaiting modifications to the existing module Wisconsin is implementing, then will begin programming the change for NESIIS. It will be done in 2012.



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