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An Immunization Update from the Idaho Immunization Program (IIP)

HL7 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR IRIS EXPORTS

The IIP has been awarded funds through a grant with the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) to improve the interoperability of Health Information Technology. The IIP is using some of the funds to assist Idaho Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers and Public Health Districts in building exports from Electronic Health Record (EHR) to Idaho's Immunization Reminder Information System (IRIS).

Up to 20 grants will be awarded to VFC providers at a maximum of \$5,000 each. In addition, up to 5 grants will be awarded to Public Health Districts at a maximum of \$10,000 each. The funding announcements for the grants are attached to this Important Notice and an application packet was recently mailed to providers.

If you have questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Cindy Brock, IRIS Interoperability Grant Coordinator, by email at brockc@dhw.idaho.gov or by phone at (208) 334-0675.

VFC PROVIDER SURVEY

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has recently announced that incentives will be provided to physicians & hospitals to adopt, implement, and upgrade Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems to "certified EHR technology". In order to qualify for incentives, providers will have to "Meaningfully Use" these EHR systems. Meaningful Use is defined by regulations issued by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) and it is a collection of standards for how EHR systems should function in the healthcare provider environment. For more information please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/ehrmeaningfuluse/>

The CDC is asking all VFC providers to complete a VFC Provider Site Survey by Friday, **October 14, 2011**. The purpose of the survey is to determine:

1. How many VFC provider sites submit immunization data to their state or local Immunization Information System,
2. How many VFC provider sites use an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system in their practice, and
3. Of those VFC provider sites using an EHR system, how many sites plan to participate in the CMS Meaningful Use EHR incentive program?

Please go to the link below and answer the brief questionnaire by **October 14, 2011**.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CMSMeaningfulUse>

This information will be used for CDC programmatic and policy purposes only.

October 5, 2011



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & WELFARE

October 1, 2011

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Enclosed is a grant application packet. **The application deadline is October 31, 2011 and the deadline for completing the electronic export is February 1, 2012.** Due to external deadlines, the application and implementation deadlines cannot be extended.

Please read the attached guidance section, reporting requirements and the sample monthly report before completing the application packet. Each provider location that has a VFC PIN number is eligible to apply and receive up to a maximum of \$5,000 towards the enhancement and/or upgrading of their Electronic Health Records system for developing an HL7 immunization export to IRIS.

You may return your application via mail, facsimile or email to:

**Attention: Cindy Brock
IRIS Interoperability Grant Coordinator
450 W. State Street
Boise ID 83702
Fax: (208) 334-6590
Email: brockc@dhw.idaho.gov**

Grantees will receive notification on or before **November 15, 2011** and information regarding our payment to you and reporting requirements will be included with the award notification.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Baker
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