California Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program - Overview and Updates -

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Presentation Outline

• VFA program overview
• VFA Year 1 evaluation data
• VFA Year 2 planning
CA Vaccines for Adults (VFA)

New program implemented in June 2016.

VFA Program Goals and Objectives

- To provide vaccines at no cost to eligible adults
  - Expand access to 317-funded vaccines to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Centers (RHCs) in California

- To integrate the standards for adult immunization practice into routine adult clinical care
  - ASSESS immunization status of all adult patients at every visit
  - Strongly RECOMMEND vaccines that adult patients need
  - ADMINISTER needed vaccines or REFER to a provider who can immunize
  - DOCUMENT vaccines received by your adult patients
VFA Program Participation
Eligibility

Federally Qualified Health Centers, FQHC Look-Alikes, and Rural Health Centers that can demonstrate:

- Participation in the California Vaccines for Children Program (VFC);
- Experience providing a safety net for uninsured and underinsured adults;
- Participation in an Immunization Information System (e.g., California Immunization Registry - CAIR) or use of an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system.
Population eligibility to receive 317 VFA vaccines

- **Eligible to receive 317 vaccines**

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VFA Year 1 Progress

• Selected **457** clinical sites for enrollment:
  - **440** sites that belong to 108 FQHCs and FQHC lookalikes
  - **17** RHC, Indian Health Services (IHS) or Tribal health sites

• Developed VFA resources* for clinics
• VFA clinics shared best practices in 3 webinars*
• Conducted key informant interviews and one site survey to learn about the program’s successes and challenges
• # doses of adult vaccine administered is rising each month

*http://eziz.org/vfa-317/vfa-resources/
VFA-Enrolled Clinical Sites
- Geographic Distribution -

- Northern California: 31
- Southern California: 85
- Bay Area: 89
- Los Angeles: 104
- Central Valley: 153
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Population eligibility to receive 317 VFA vaccines

• Not eligible to receive 317 vaccines

Fully insured adults whose insurance covers the cost of vaccine, even if:

➢ The insurance includes a high deductible or a co-pay;
➢ A claim for the cost of the vaccine and its administration would be denied for payment by the insurance carrier because the plan’s deductible had not been met;
➢ The insurance has cost-sharing; these individuals must pay out-of-pocket for immunizations.

Notes:

• Unlike the VFC Program, adults with full scope Medi-Cal are considered insured, and therefore not eligible to receive 317 vaccines.
• Seniors without Medicare Part D are considered underinsured, and therefore eligible to receive 317 vaccines that would be covered under Part D.
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California Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program Evaluation

Year 1

Formative:
- Structured interviews with key informants from VFA sites
- Qualitative data (progress reports)
- Survey of VFA enrolled sites

Process:
- Number of 317 VFA vaccine doses administered (progress reports)

Program outputs:
- Number of 317 VFA vaccine doses ordered (progress reports)

Program outcomes:
- Patient awareness
- Provider awareness
- Number of adults immunized

Impact
- Reduced prevalence of disease in adults immunized
VFA Program
Year 2 Planning

• Continue to identify ways to support and collaborate with existing VFA sites

• Engage with the clinical and executive leadership of the FQHCs enrolled in the program (in addition to clinical site-level interaction)
VFA Program
Year 2 Planning

• Expanding the program to include:
  ➢ Additional non-VFA sites within health center organizations that have VFA-enrolled sites and are enrolled in VFC
  ➢ Sites/organizations that see mostly uninsured adults and currently administer clinic-purchased or county/State supplied vaccine

• Considering implementation of focused campaign to improve vaccination coverage rates – vaccine specific, age and/or condition-based
Targeted campaign to increase PPSV23* vaccination coverage rates in adults (ages 19-64) with diabetes

- ACIP recommends PPSV23 at diabetes diagnosis and again at age 65
- PPSV23 protects against invasive pneumococcal disease; diabetes patients are at increased risk

- Adults with diabetes represent 12% of all adult FQHC patients in CA (2015)
- Frequent visits: 3.8/year
- Quality indicators, care coordination