

Vaccine Management Business Improvement Plan (VMBIP)

Frequently Asked Questions

Change is coming...

The National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed a project to centralize public vaccine distribution nationally. The new system is designed to streamline processes, improve efficiency, and save on program costs. The main components of VMBIP are described below.

What will VMBIP change for Oregon clinics?

- Providers will be placed into a tiered ordering frequency system (TOF) that will dictate how often they may order vaccine
 - The TOF will be based on clinic-specific doses administered data
 - Clinics will be divided into four categories
 - High volume (1000+ doses per year)
 - Medium volume (500-999 doses per year)
 - Low volume (100-499 doses per year)
 - “As-is” (<100 doses per year)
 - There is flexibility if clinics feel they need to be in a category other than the one they have been assigned.
- A third party distributor will ship all vaccine directly to the clinic. Most private Oregon providers already receive their vaccine from a private distributor: GIV, Inc. The new distributor is McKesson. Most public providers are used to receiving vaccine directly from OIP or their local health department. They will receive their orders via McKesson beginning this August.

What won't be changing?

- Clinics will continue to submit vaccine orders to the Oregon Immunization Program (OIP)
- Providers will receive continued support and customer service from the OIP
- Clinics will still be able to return vaccine to the OIP if it's short-dated

Why make these changes?

- Mandated by CDC
- Improve knowledge of statewide vaccine inventory and location
- Better inventory control will take the guesswork out of ordering vaccines
- Increase assurance of maintaining the vaccine cold chain
- Reduce the risk of wasted and expired vaccine
- Reduce the risk of clinics running out of vaccine
- Streamlining vaccine distribution saves tax payer dollars
- Improved reliability and consistency of vaccine supply

What will the Oregon Immunization Program's role be?

- Assist our Vaccines for Children (VFC) partners to make the transition to the new vaccine distribution model
- Continue to provide support and health education to our VFC partners
- Advocate for Oregon providers to make these changes as effortless as possible.
- Provide an improved overview of statewide vaccine inventory, enabling the OIP to respond more swiftly to vaccine shortages and vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks

What is Tiered Ordering Frequency (TOF)?

- Tiered Ordering Frequency is a method used at a national level to determine when clinics should order publicly funded vaccine
- Providers are placed in four different tiers, depending on the size of their immunization practice
- The tiers are broken up by;
 - High Volume (orders monthly)
 - Medium Volume (orders bi-monthly)
 - Low Volume (orders quarterly)
 - Very Low Volume (orders vaccine as needed)
- If providers feel they need to be in a different tier, they need to contact their Immunization Program Health Educator

When will Tiered Ordering Frequency start?

- Tiered ordering frequency is scheduled to start September 2007, after the start of VMBIP

When will VMBIP go into effect?

- Oregon's "go-live" date for VMBIP is August 6th, 2007

Who do we contact if we have questions?

If you have additional questions, please call Matt Gilman @ 971-673-0319 or your Immunization Program Health Educator.