



# **Immunization Practices**

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#### What Works to Improve Immunization Rates?\*

- Patient-focused Interventions
  - Tracking and Reminder-recall systems
  - Incentives
  - Media/education
- Provider Interventions
  - Provider reminders and incentives
  - Standing orders
- System Interventions
  - Improving Access to services
  - Monitoring Immunization Coverage





### RPMS Immunization Package What can it do for you?

- View and print immunization records
- Forecast patient immunization needs
- Track and Recall groups of patients
  - Patients due for immunizations
  - Patients who received recalled vaccine lots
- Provide immunization rates for a population
- Account for which vaccines were given









### "New" Immunization Recommendations

- Menactra
- Tdap
- 2<sup>nd</sup> dose varicella
- Rotavirus
- Influenza (expand to 6 59 months)
- HPV
- Herpes Zoster









## Immunization Package

- 8.1. released March 2006
- Patch (8.1\*1) released November 2006
  - Forecasting for Rotavirus
    - Rota-pent = RotaTeq- should be active in vaccine table
    - Rota Tetra = Rotashield should be inactive in vaccine table
  - Routine forecasting Influenza 6-59 mo.
  - Change Menactra forecasting (15 yr olds only)
  - Add 2<sup>nd</sup> dose Varicella age 4-6 yrs.
  - Vaccine Codes for HPV included
  - Fix to reports to count MMRV
  - New Option 1 6 mo IPV, 12 mo Hib, pneumo, MMR, Var, 15 mo DTaP, Hep A
  - MMR max age 18 years







Immunization Package Version 8.2 Release Date: May 2007?

- Lot inventory system
- Forecasting for HPV Females only
  - -11-18 year olds OR
  - -11 26 year olds
- Adolescent Report
  - 11-12 yrs, 13 yrs, 13 17 yrs
  - Tdap/Td, MMR, Var, HepB, Menactra, HPV
  - Denominator is "active clinical users"
    - 2 clinical visits in the last 3 years





### Immunization Coverage





# RPMS Immunization Reports

- Includes children designated as active in the immunization package (IMM)
- All children who have EVER been seen at the facility should be Active UNLESS MOVED OR GOING ELSEWHERE (MOGE) criteria are met
- Active designation in IMM is independent of "active clinical user" designation assigned by GPRA
  - Explains why CRS "Active Clinical User" coverage may be different from coverage as reported by IMM



# MOGE – IHS Guidelines

Can INACTIVATE a child in IMM if documentation in the chart of:

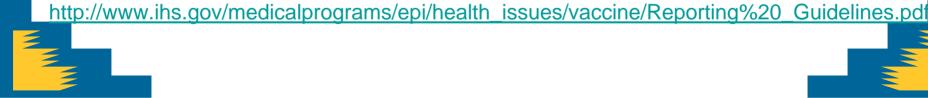
#### Moved

- A returned letter indicating the child/family has moved and forwarding address is not local.
- Specific knowledge that the child/family has moved out of the area from a parent , CHR, relative, neighbor, etc.

#### Or

#### • Going Elsewhere

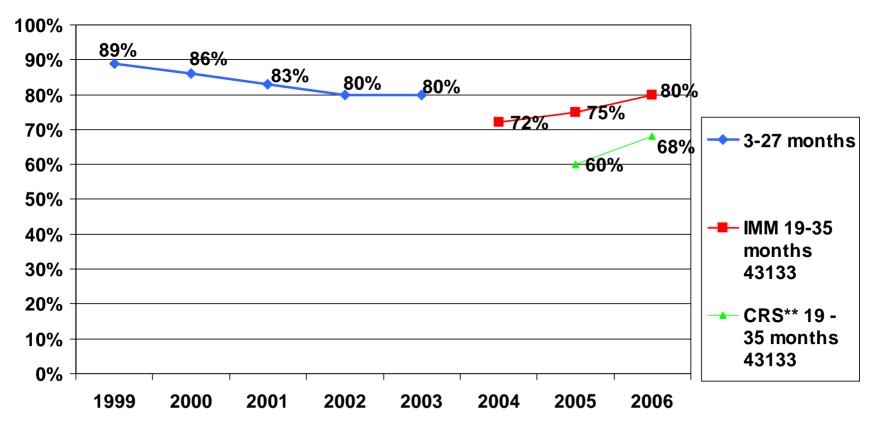
- Child's records transferred to a new practice.
- Information from another provider stating that they are seeing the child.
- A phone call or discussion with the parent/guardian stating that the child is getting care at another site. Should provide name of doctor or facility where child is receiving care.
- State immunization registry shows immunizations received elsewhere.





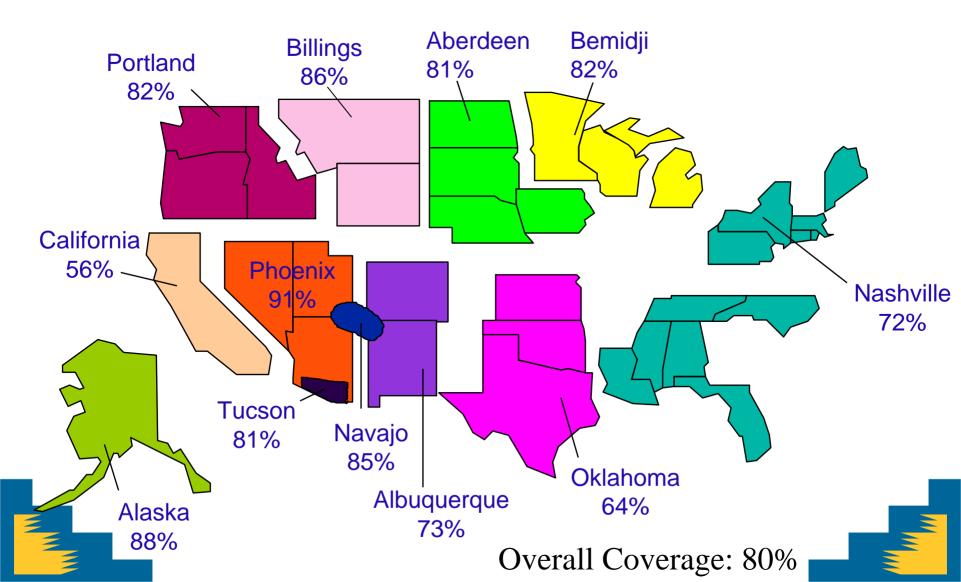


#### GPRA Childhood Immunization\* FY 1999 - 2006

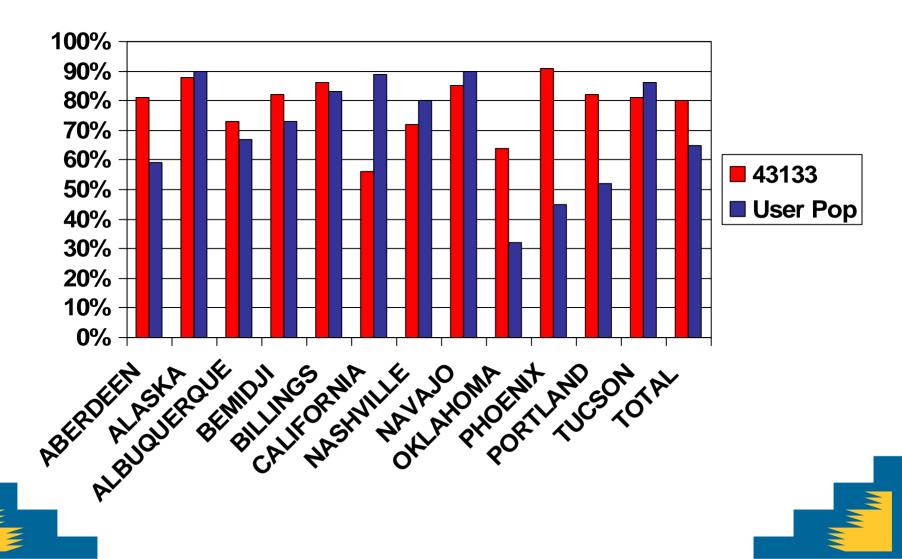


\* Includes age-appropriate coverage with DTaP, IPV, MMR, Hib, HepB \*\* Active Clinical User

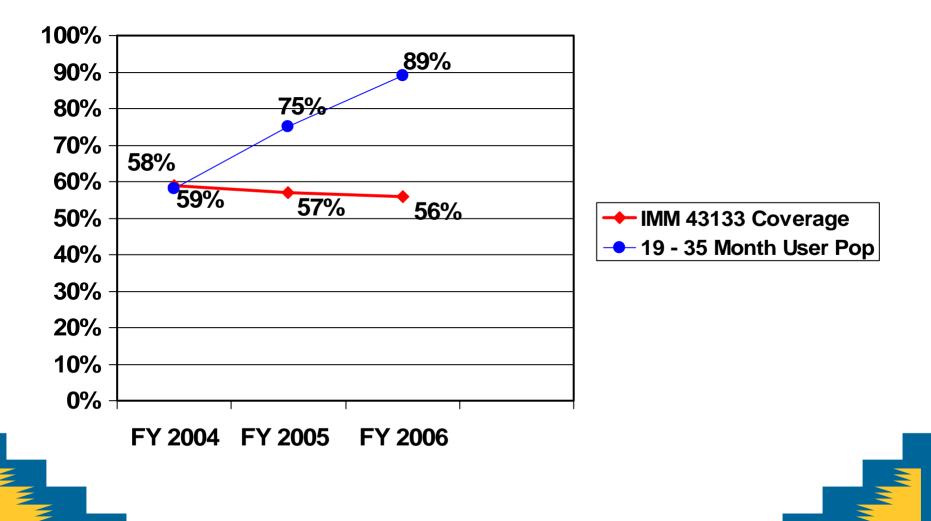
#### GPRA FY 2006 Childhood Immunization Coverage By IHS Area Children 19 - 35 Months



#### GPRA FY 2006 2 Year Old Coverage/User Pop by IHS Area











# Reasons for Low Coverage

- Missing Data
  - Medical record scattering
  - Incomplete data entry
  - Redundant documentation
- Missed Opportunities
  - Child comes into clinic, but no vaccine given
  - Child gets only some of recommended vaccines
- Missing Child
  - Doesn't come in to the clinic



# Strategies to address missing data

- Enter historical immunizations into RPMS
- Point of service data entry
- Reduce redundant documentation (e.g. Blue Sheets, PHN log books)



urning party, from left: Dorothy Thomas, Elaine McKenzie (deputy chief, state Section ( Nursing), Darlene Dewey, Cheri Walters, Anne Ivanoff, Marie Trigg, and Julie Serstad.

Burn, baby, burn!

 Data Exchange with state immunization registries Impact on childhood immunization data in Arizona

- Exports from RPMS at 6 IHS facilities to Arizona Statewide Immunization Information System (ASIIS)
  - -1,128,380 shots for 87,737 people
  - New to ASIIS:
    - 920,602 shots
    - 37,932 patients
- Export from ASIIS to IHS facilities
  - New to IHS: 490,449 shots for 44,189 patients

Child under-immunized BEFORE data exchange

AFTER . . .

- 1.08/24/88 DTP
- 2.11/29/88 DTP
- 3. 03/07/89 DTP
- 4. 11/17/89 DTP
- 5. 12/30/91 \*DTaP
- 6. 03/19/92 \*DTaP
- 7. 05/27/92 \*DTaP
- 8. 10/13/92 DTP
- 9. 02/10/93 DTaP
- 10. 12/07/95 DTaP

1. 04/18/01 Td-ADULT 2. 09/10/03 Td-ADULT

- 1. 08/24/88 OPV
- 2. 11/29/88 OPV
- 3. 03/07/89 OPV
- 4. 11/17/89 OPV
- 5. 12/30/91 OPV
- 6. 03/19/92 OPV
- 7. 05/27/92 OPV
- 8. 10/13/92 OPV

9. 02/10/93 OPV

10. 12/07/95 OPV

- 1. 12/30/91 HIBTITER
- 2. 03/19/92 PEDVAXHIB
- 3. 11/18/92 PEDVAXHIB
- 1. 09/12/97 HEP B PED
- 2. 02/17/98 HEP B PED
- 3. 03/30/98 \*HEP B PED
- 4. 02/26/01 HEP B
- 5. 03/28/01 HEP B
- 6. 08/13/03 HEP B
- 1. 11/17/89 MMR
- 2. 10/13/92 MMR
- 3. 02/10/93 MMR
- 4. 12/07/95 MMR
- 1. 11/13/00 HEP A 2PED
- 2. 02/26/01 HEP A
- 3. 06/01/01 HEP A 2PED
- 4. 08/13/03 HEP A





### Data Exchange between RPMS and State Registries will . . .

- Improve ability to monitor immunization coverage for AI/AN children
- Improve immunization services for AI/AN children
  - IHS, tribal and other health care providers
- Conserve resources





#### Strategies to reduce missed opportunities

- Ensure complete data are available
   If providers don't know vaccine is due, can't give it!
- Provide immunizations at all visits, not just well child care
- Promote simultaneous administration
- Standing Orders
- Review quarterly reports to identify problems
  - Specific age group or specific vaccine?
  - Provider preferences re: schedule?
  - Data quality problems?





# Finding the missing child

- Reminder/recall letters
- State immunization registries





# Assemble Multi-Disciplinary Team

- RPMS Site Manager
- Providers (Nurses, Mid-levels, Doctors)
   IMM Package is a clinical decision making tool
- HIM/Data Entry
- Pharmacy
- Public Health Nurses
- Administration





vation Coordinator

### Designate an Immunization Coordinator

• Who should be your coordinator?

- MD, RN, PHN clerk ?

- What are their responsibilities?
  - Monitor data quality
  - Monitor immunization coverage
  - Provide feedback on communities/age groups with low coverage
  - Compare CRS Active clinical user coverage to IMM Active
  - Review Inactivate patients for MOGE criteria
  - Allocate Keys for the immunization package
    - Set parameters in Managers' Menu



### Help with the Immunization Package

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