

The Disclosure Process

At the end of June 2009 all Nevada WebIZ users were notified of our Disclosure Statement Form and the instructions on how to use the statement. We have realized confusion surrounding this for many immunization providers since most consent forms require patients to sign. The Disclosure Statement Form does not require consent from parents, only adults due to the law language.

According to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 439.265:

"...a person who administers any immunization to a child which is recommended and approved by the United States Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or its successor organization, on or after July 1, 2009, shall report information concerning the child and the immunization provided to the child to the Department for inclusion in the Immunization Information System."

The instructions include:

1. Post the Disclosure Statement Poster prominently in the lobby, waiting room, or registration area of your practice.
2. Child vaccination appointments:
 - o Have all parents of children (birth through 18 years old) read the poster.
 - o If they do not want their children's vaccinations recorded into Nevada WebIZ, have them complete the disclosure statement to opt-out by signing "I do not agree."
3. Adult vaccination appointments:
 - o Have all adults (19 years old and older) read the poster.
 - o If they do want their vaccinations recorded into Nevada WebIZ, have them complete the disclosure statement to opt-in by signing "I agree."
4. You must fax or mail a copy of each signed form to the Nevada State Immunization Program. Please save up the forms and send them at the end of each month, Attention: WebIZ Help Desk.

5. If you receive a form that says "I do not agree" after a record's entered into the registry, immediately fax the form to the WebIZ Help Desk so staff can delete this record. (775-684-4245)

Please do not make all parents sign the Disclosure Statement Form. Parents need to sign only if they do not want their children's vaccinations in the registry. By not complying with this process, this adds confusion for the parents, immunization providers, and the Nevada WebIZ Program.

Hospitals may experience a difficult time with the poster displayed in a registration area. You may want to consider printing the poster and giving it to the mother to read instead of making her walk to the registration area to read it. The mother still does not need to sign the Disclosure Statement Form if she wants her child's vaccinations recorded into the registry.

The Disclosure Statement Form, Poster, and Instructions are all available on the registry and the State of Nevada website. If you have any questions on this process, please call the Help Desk.

WebIZ has a New Look!

Nevada WebIZ proudly shares its new look. With the growth of this program, Nevada WebIZ wants to display our new logo and motto, **Powering Nevada's Immunization Registry**. This quarter's newsletter marks the first issue with the new logo and motto at the heading. We want our users, community, and stakeholders to recognize this new brand to know how much we support vaccination coverage and the patient data in the registry. As we move forward, we will work with providers to ensure improved data quality practices, increase provider participation, and increase number of children in the registry. Contact the Help Desk if you would like to use this logo for your office or an event.



NV WEBIZ COMMUNITY

H1N1 Federal Vaccine Program- Provider Welcome

On behalf of the State Health Division, I would like to thank you for enrolling to be a H1N1 provider for your patients and/or your local community. Your participation in the H1N1 vaccination campaign will ensure Nevadans have many options to access H1N1 vaccine. You will receive an H1N1 Welcome Packet.

As an H1N1 provider there are a few mandatory items that you must comply with on a daily and weekly basis. All H1N1 providers will be required to report data to the Immunization Program. This is due to the state being mandated to report aggregate (target population and age) data to the CDC. Your welcome packet will explain all these mandatory items.

It is important to remember that the CDC has identified target groups that will be vaccinated first. The five target groups are broken down by "Initial Target Groups." The Nevada State Health Division will determine if the target groups need to be expanded or contracted based on vaccine supply in consultation with the CDC guidelines.

Initial Target Groups: 1) Pregnant women; 2) Persons who live with or provide care for infants less than 6 months old (e.g., parents, siblings, daycare providers); 3) Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel; 4) Persons aged 6 months - 24 years old; and 5) Persons aged 25 - 64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related conditions.

Please remember that the H1N1 vaccine is free to everyone. You cannot charge for this vaccine. Private providers may charge a vaccine administrative fee (regional Medicare rate) of \$21.34 per vaccine administered. Private providers may ask for this in cash from the patient or try and bill the patient's private health insurance. All public health providers cannot charge a patient for this fee, but may bill their private health insurance.

The Immunization Program is holding weekly H1N1 provider calls to explain the process and to answer questions. This weekly call is held on Wednesday's from 12:30 - 1:30 PM. Please call: (866) 434-5269 - Access Code: 2669775 Or if line is full: (888) 422-7128 - Access Code: 123962

Please visit the Nevada flu website at www.flu.nv.gov. If you have any questions or concerns please call us at (775) 684-5900 or email at nviz@health.nv.gov.

Sincerely,

Christine N. Smith
State of Nevada Immunization Program Manager

Bilingual Help Desk and More

Many of you may have already had the pleasure of speaking with the help desk operator, Victor Lamas. Victor fluently speaks and writes in both English and Spanish, which provides better customer service to our providers and community. Before working with Nevada WebIZ, Victor staffed the phone line for the Maternal and Child Health program. There Victor spoke with women to help them receive prenatal care services. Victor has also volunteered as part of the mobile support unit, which responds to state emergencies. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) trained him on emergency preparedness, which he used in April 2009 when he traveled to the state's strategic national stockpile to facilitate with antivirals and supplies needed for the H1N1 outbreak. As our help desk operator, Victor not only helps users, but he also translates important vaccine documents, and helps parents find their children's immunization records. If you have questions about the disclosure process, new user accounts, or find duplicate records, please contact Victor. If you feel more comfortable speaking in Spanish, Victor says "*estoy aquí para ayudarles.*" If you have been away for the summer make sure you visit our new website at <https://webiz.nv.gov>.



NV WEBIZ DATA

H1N1 Influenza Vaccine, Data Reporting & Nevada WebIZ

Influenza, flu, H1N1 oh my!!! As most of you know, the distribution of H1N1 Influenza vaccine to medical providers will happen soon. Many of these providers use Nevada WebIZ to record the vaccinations they give. Using Nevada WebIZ will become vital in the case of H1N1 influenza.

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) requires us, the Nevada State Health Division (NSHD), to document and report specific H1N1 vaccination information. All existing Nevada WebIZ providers receiving H1N1 vaccine must enter **all information for all patients receiving H1N1 vaccine into the registry**. Federal guidance tells us we do not need consent to record this information. This means that patients do not need to sign the Disclosure Statement in order to record their H1N1 vaccination in the registry. This allows us the opportunity to closely monitor the progress of our vaccination efforts and move the vaccine into the areas that need it the most.

Upon enrolling to receive H1N1 vaccine, your office will receive an "H1N1 Welcome Packet" containing many resources, including the steps required for vaccination documentation. The following explains the process for H1N1 providers who use the registry to submit required vaccination documentation:

- 1) Enter **all** H1N1 vaccinations administered into Nevada WebIZ. You **do not** need consent for this.
- 2) Due to the high volume of H1N1 vaccines your office might administer, we recommend that you hold off on recording other vaccines (such as DTaP, IPV, etc.) in the registry and instead **make entering H1N1 doses a priority**. You may record other vaccinations as time allows.
- 3) NSHD must report H1N1 vaccine usage to the CDC in weekly increments. The reporting period is every **Sunday thru Saturday**. All doses administered during that time period must be entered into Nevada WebIZ no later than **5:00pm on Monday following the reporting period**. NSHD will then generate a report in the registry that will give us your office's H1N1 data.

Please feel free to call us with questions about this requirement!

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NV WEBIZ LESSONS

Nevada WebIZ Lesson Using the Recommender

Nevada WebIZ has a feature called the "Recommender." Some of you may have seen the big gray bar at the bottom of the Patient Vaccinations screen- some of you may use it on a regular basis. What does it do? It helps medical office staff by *recommending* certain vaccinations for a particular patient.

Nevada WebIZ contains the recommended schedules for children, adolescents and adults, as approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The ACIP consists of 15 experts in immunization-related fields who provide guidance to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). They develop written recommendations for the routine administration of vaccines.

How does Nevada WebIZ's Recommender work? After searching for and finding a patient, click on "Vaccinations" to view any and all vaccinations that have been recorded as administered to that patient. Next, click on the large gray "Recommend" button at the bottom of the screen. This will open up a new window displaying details about the patient's age, allergies/risks, vaccination history, recommendations for today's vaccinations, as well as recommendations for future vaccinations. The registry provides recommendations *based solely on data entered into the registry*- another great reason to enter your patient's vaccination history! This page may also be printed and given to patients as a reminder of when they should return. If your office prefers to give a combo vaccine anytime you can, let us know- we can set your profile to recommend the vaccines you carry anytime a patient becomes due for all the components!

The recommendations made by Nevada WebIZ are just that- recommendations. The programmed schedule determines recommendations in units of days, using the ACIP's minimum and maximum age ranges and minimum intervals. For example, a minimum age of six weeks equals 42 days old. Because the ranges get calculated in days, the recommender may suggest something you do not agree with. Counting intervals and determining what vaccine a patient should receive may become complicated- remember that the lengths of months vary when assessing your patient's history. Giving a vaccine too soon can result in the need to revaccinate! If you need guidance, consider giving the Recommender a click. If you believe that a particular recommendation looks incorrect, please contact the Help Desk (see last page). Remember, **use the Recommender as a tool- you know your patients best!**



Dear Nevada WebIZ,

Q: Do I need a mother's consent before I enter vaccination information in Nevada WebIZ for her toddler?

A: No. Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 439.265 tells us to record vaccinations given to children in Nevada. This means we will include the child's information *unless* the parent/guardian "opts-out." His mother should read the Disclosure Poster hanging in your office. If she does not want his information in the registry, she should sign a Disclosure Statement saying she "does not agree" to allow her child's information to be entered. ***A parent/guardian only needs to sign a form if (s)he does not agree to participate in Nevada WebIZ.***

Q: Where can I find current information about seasonal flu and H1N1 flu?

A: To find the current information visit the health division's website <http://flu.nv.gov>. If you are interested in becoming an H1N1 vaccine provider, visit the website and fill out the enrollment forms for health care providers.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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TRAINING

Reno, Brown Center Carson City, State ITS Training Facility

October 13, 2009

October 15, 2009

October 20, 2009

Times: 9-11:30 am or 1-3:30 pm Times: 9-11:30 am or 1:30-4 pm

Contact Cathy Robinson at 775.684.3462 or crobinson@health.nv.gov to sign up for training in *Northern Nevada*.

Clark County Government Center
500 Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas

October 9, 2009

November 16, 2009

December 4, 2009

Times: 8:30-12 pm or 1:00-4:30 pm

Contact Marie Tasker at 702.496.0474 or mtasker@health.nv.gov to sign up for training in *Southern Nevada*.

Continuing Medical Education Credit

Nevada WebIZ proudly announces that beginning September 1, 2009 it now offers continuing medical education (CME) for physicians of all specialties and those requiring CME credits for licensure. Area Health Education Center (AHEC) of Southern Nevada designates the educational activity of WebIZ training for a maximum of 2.5 American Medical Association (AMA) Physician's Recognition Award (PRA) Category 1 Credits. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. WebIZ staff conduct trainings on a monthly basis in a community setting and/or also come to your office and train with you. Upon successful completion of training your certificate will be sent to you within two to four weeks from AHEC.

