

MISSION NOT IMPOSSIBLE

Idaho's Journey to Acquiring HITECH 90/10 Funding



Briefing

- Idaho is a universally funded state
- Idaho does not get any sort of base funding from Medicaid
 - Funding is through Basic 317 Cooperative Agreement
 - State general funds
- Until 2016, any attempt to talk about 90-10 funding was met with resistance



Background

Idaho Immunization Program:

- Struggling with some providers trying to achieve Meaningful Use (MU) stage 1 and 2
- Lack of funding opportunities to support all desired IIS projects

Idaho Medicaid:

- Struggling with some providers trying to achieve MU stage 1 and 2
- Trying to get stakeholders to use 90-10 match funding



Forming an alliance

 Combined calls with medical providers, IIP and Medicaid to assist challenging providers with MU process

- "Show us the money"
- Used the opportunity to educate each other and work collaboratively

Clue: Talk to the financial people at Medicaid



Strategies

How and when we made it happen



Defining of priorities

- For the Advanced Planning Document (APD), we listed what we needed for funding and when
 - Onboarding
 - Hardware
 - Staffing
 - Anything the VFC providers have a requirement for can be funded
- Language ties directly to meaningful use public health measure 1 – Immunization reporting

Clue: its all in how its worded



The clock's ticking...

November 2016

Met with Medicaid and decided on projects



December 2016

Submitted projects to Medicaid for APD



April 2017

Clarification to CMS about project items requested



July 2018
waiting for approval
for Round 2



January 2018

Round 2 projects submitted



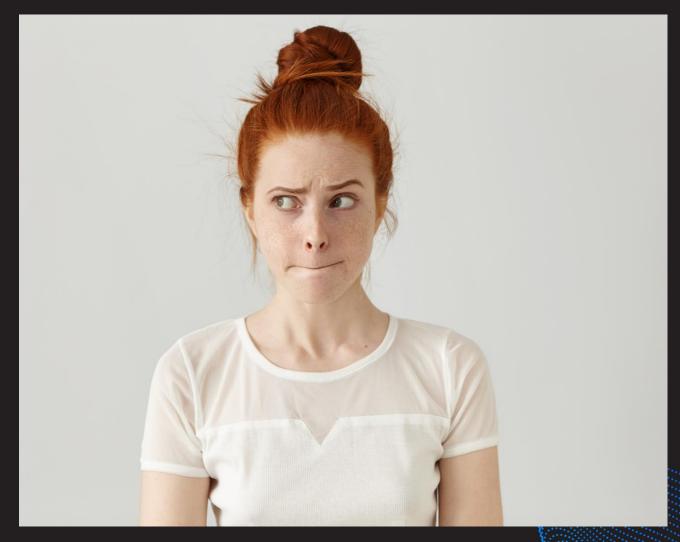
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ROUND 1 APPROVED!

Clue: be patient. APDs take a lot of time



Unexpected challenge

Got the moneyand no authority to spend it.



Clue: involve YOUR financial people



Case Solved

Barriers and final thoughts



Cracking the case

- APDs are a lengthy process plan ahead.
- Make sure you involve your vendor.
- Projects not completed within the original timeframe carry forward in the APD.
 - In the program budget, making sure spending authority is there is key

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