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Topic: HPV Forecasting

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Information Requested:

Washington state has changed the forecasting settings for HPV so children at age 9 prompts “due now” for the HPV vaccination. They are wondering if any other state has the forecasting setting changed to age 9 for HPV.

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Responding Member(s): Karyn Lyons (IL), Nadja Alexandra Vielot (UNC at Chapel Hill), Karen Miller (CO)

Results:

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IL:

Glad to hear we are not alone! Illinois recently changed its forecasting for HPV to age 9 years. Would love to hear your experience.

UNC at Chapel Hill:

This is the subject of an ongoing research project that I'm undertaking with Dr. Sherri Zorn, whom you may know and who was instrumental in updating the forecast for Washington state. I am collecting data from all US jurisdictions, with support from AIM, to document state IIS policies and HPV forecasts. If pending NIH funding comes through, I'll work with a group at UNC to build an interactive website summarizing this data and then conduct interviews with DHHS leadership from several states on best practices and barriers to updating forecasts. I have support from Washington and NC for that part, and I'm actively looking for other states to participate. I'd be happy to talk to you more about my research strategy and potentially sharing data with you. As is, Sherri and I have been emailing back



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and forth whenever we find out about a new age-9 forecast. Alabama and Utah are newly on that list, I believe, and I'm happy to connect you with contacts there.

CO:

Colorado has not implemented this with our IIS; however, I am hearing anecdotally that some providers are starting to include this in their individual electronic health records. I would be interested to keep in touch with you about this update to the Washington IIS. I'd be curious to know if you have had any pushback from providers or the community with this change. It will be great to see how this change impacts your HPV up-to-date rates. I would bet it will make a huge difference.

TX:

We have changed the forecasting logic to include HPV starting at age 9 for both male and female. We did this sometime last year when the topic was brought up during an internal meeting.

AIRA:

AIRA recognizes the efforts of partner organizations and state health departments to encourage providers to begin the HPV vaccination series at age 9 years, and we appreciate that much of the cited literature points to this being a best practice. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has been clear that offering HPV at age 9 years is acceptable and allowable based on a clinician's judgment. However, as supporters and testers of standards, AIRA is obligated to honor the published ACIP recommendation to vaccinate for HPV at ages 11–12 years of age.

Currently, 6 out of 48 IIS (that we were able to test and include in aggregate data) forecast at 9 years; the rest recommend at 11 years. This forecasting is from their pre-production IIS.