

Metrics to Support 5930 Performance Measures Questions & Answers Update Sheet

Performance Measure #1

Q: What is the timeframe for the baseline data?

A: There are 2 sets of baseline data. Because of the seasonality of vaccines, the baseline data will be data generated from 2007. The dates for each reporting measure are:

- January 2007 - June 2007 (the total number of doses ordered during this timeframe (reporting measure #1) and the total doses administered as recorded in CHILD Profile (reporting measure #2))
- July 2007 to December 2007 (the total number of doses ordered during this timeframe (reporting measure #1) and the total doses administered as recorded in CHILD Profile (reporting measure #2))

Q: How do I compare the baseline data right now?

A: Once you have your baseline data, you can see for the 4 vaccines (Varicella, HPV, Rota Virus, and Pediatric Influenza) where you were at before the 5930 funding. Once you get the first report in July, 2008, it will give you the data as to where your LHJ currently stands for January 2008 - June 2008. You can then compare this timeframe with the timeframe of the baseline.

Q: Where can I find data models for vaccine ordering data that also includes an explanation of how to use the data model?

A: Data models and explanations can be found on the PHIP website at:
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/5930PM/resource/category/5930pm-PM1.htm>

Q: I want to know what strategies LHJ's are using to meet the 5930 PM #1, where can I find this information.

A: This information can be found on the PHIP website at:
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/5930PM/product.htm>

Q: Where can I find baseline immunization data for my LHJ?

A: Baseline data for PM #1, reporting measures A & B can be found at:
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/5930PM/resource/category/5930pm-PM1.htm>

Performance Measure #2

Q: How can I get PHIMS training?

A: Training can be scheduled through the Public Health Lab with Nisreen Kabeer (Nisreen.Kabeer@DOH.WA.GOV). She has provided telephone training with users in front of their PHIMS Screen; send her a request and let her know when is a good time for training your LHJ and who would be interested in attending.

Q: PHIMS – STD doesn't seem to be available in all counties, when will it be in place statewide?

A: PHIMS-STD is currently deployed in 22 out of the 39 counties. DOH's goal is to have deployment by the end of June to all counties.

Q: Why haven't I received any baseline data for PM #2, reporting measure A and B for my LHJ's STD/TB/HIV?

A: This baseline data will begin to be collected on July 1, 2008 because some of the fields that are needed for establishing the baseline data currently are not collected. DOH is beginning to collect this data, but the data collection will not formally begin until July 1, 2008.

Q: Will there be a SmartPH epidemiology specific training available?

A: Yes – the modules in SmartPH for epidemiology will be ready and live for access on July 1, 2008.

Q: Is there a document that describes the procedures for CD EPI – especially related to timing of reporting a notifiable condition and timing for investigation?

A: Yes, these can be found in the Communicable Disease Epidemiology Procedure document on the PHIP website at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/documents/5930PM/material/EpiProcedure.pdf>. TB and STDs have not been added to this document, but are expected to in the future.

Q: How will I know what the highlighted fields are for PM #2?

A: DOH has highlighted questions on all CD Epi case report forms to indicate which variables will be used to generate reports for 5930. These highlighted forms can be found on the CD-Epi's web site at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/notify/forms/>.

Q: For all reporting measures (A,B and C) the measure states “percent of notifiable conditions cases”. Does this apply to all categories in PHIMS (confirmed, suspect, etc.)?

A: CD Epi will only include PHIMS records that meet the DOH case classification in the reports for Reporting Measures A, B and C. The case classifications (e.g., confirmed, probable, suspect) are different for each condition and can be found in the CD-Epi guidelines at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/notify/forms/>. For example, salmonellosis has a confirmed and probable case definition while hepatitis A only has a confirmed case definition.

Q: Is there any way that the DOH notifiable condition report forms could state the timelines, especially the investigation timeline, on the form? For example, “Condition – Investigation must begin within X days of LHJ notification, Report must be submitted within Y days of investigation completion or summary information within Z days”

A: The guidance regarding investigation start time is in the CDES Procedure <http://www.doh.wa.gov/phip/documents/5930PM/material/EpiProcedure.pdf>. There is a different recommendation depending on the condition. The forms are already very crowded and there is variation of LHJ practice. There are not absolute WACs regarding investigation start time, it is based on the condition, the clinical/technical assessment of the LHJ disease investigator and the LHJ protocols. In the CDES procedure, guidance on investigation start time is indicated and conditions are in three categories, initiated the same day, initiated within one workday and initiated within three workdays. These categories were derived based on the WAC timeframes for reporting to the LHJs but LHJs should use their judgment to determine if an investigation needs to be initiated sooner.

Q: Under reporting measure B, the version of Epi Procedures that I have does not have guidelines for anything other than non-STD cases. These guidelines will be important for us to make sure that we are beginning the investigation within the required timeframes. Is there anywhere else I can find this information?

A: Drafts of the Investigation Guidelines are undergoing internal DOH review. DOH expects the final draft will be sent to local health jurisdiction by the end of May for review and comment.

Q: Where can I find my LHJ's baseline data for PM #2?

A: Baseline data for each LHJ can be found on the PHIP website at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/5930PM/resource/category/5930pm-PM2.htm>.

Performance Measure #3

Q: Where can I find survey results for my LHJ?

A: Survey results serve as the baseline measure for PM #3, these can be found at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/5930PM/resource/category/5930pm-PM3.htm>.

Q: I just completed the survey, but was a little confused regarding the definition of community based strategy. We do some curriculum work in schools and provide WIC, but am not sure if those would be “community based” strategies.

A: Yes, any strategies that involve community members from outside of the local health department can be included as a community based strategy.

Q: How do I know what activities other LHJ's are doing to support their PM #3 work?

A: LHJ work plan summary for PM #3 provides an aggregate overview of activities that are being done statewide. This summary document can be found at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/PHIP/5930PM/product.htm>.

Where can I find resources for the 5930 work?

- Additional materials are available at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hip/5930PM/overview.htm>.

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