

Immunization Partners

This update includes the shipping file for the week of 11/28/2011, a note about a recent communication providers may have received from the Washington Vaccine Association, and a reminder of our holiday vaccine ordering and shipping schedule.

General Vaccine Ordering Update:

For information on shipping data for the week of 11/28/2011, contact Jan Hicks-Thomson (360-236-3578, jan.hicks-thomson@doh.wa.gov).

Washington Vaccine Association Communication:

The Washington Vaccine Association sent some providers an e-mail about changes to the WVA Assessment Grid. Providers should update their billing systems to reflect the changes. The changes go into affect February 1, 2012. Next week, we will send providers a fax about the changes and direct them to the WVA website for assistance.

As a reminder: When providers bill private health insurance for immunizations, the insurance plan pays an assessment on the vaccine. The plan pays the assessment to the WVA to support Washington's universal childhood vaccine purchasing for the State Childhood Vaccine Program.

The WVA manages the assessment rates on the Assessment Grid. There is more information on the WVA website:

<http://www.wavaccine.org/wavaccine.nsf/pages/for-providers.html>

Providers who have questions about the dosage based assessment process should contact the WVA for help -- 888-928-2224).

Reminder: Holiday Vaccine Ordering and Shipping Schedule:

We will process vaccine orders each day with the exception of State Holidays. Providers may order using their regular EOQ timing. We will have McKesson hold vaccine orders the week of December 19th – 23rd. Stopping shipment during that week decreases the risk of lost shipments, delays, and misdirected packages during the busiest shipping time of the year. Merck will continue limited shipping of frozen vaccine orders to provider's offices that week. Providers should plan accordingly to ensure they do not run out of vaccine during the holidays. If providers need vaccine urgently during that time, we will work with LHJs to meet those needs.

- December 19th-23rd – No McKesson shipments, Limited Merck shipments
- December 26th – No shipments

Wanted: All Practice Profiles:

The first 2011 Practice Profile mailing went to providers the end of September. Past due notices went to non-responding providers in mid-October. We still have not received all of the practice profiles. We need them to comply with federal requirements.

Next round of follow-up:

This week, we e-mailed LHJs with fewer than 10 providers who still need to submit their profiles. We asked the LHJs to contact those providers and remind them to submit the profiles. Within the next week or so, we will mail another reminder to providers in LHJs with more than 10 providers who have not submitted their profiles. Attached is an updated list of our progress to date.

We would appreciate your help emphasizing the importance of the practice profile. Be sure providers understand that returning the profile is in their best interest. Remind each provider:

- Completing the profile is a requirement of their continued participation in the Washington State Childhood Vaccine Program.
- Failure to provide profile data may result in audit findings.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Jan Hicks-Thomson (360-236-3578, jan.hicks-thomson@doh.wa.gov) or Karen Meranda (360-236-3553, karen.meranda@doh.wa.gov).

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