

FQHC/Clinic Office Hours –Tuesday, March 23rd

Announcements:

- LADPH will begin reaching out to vaccinating providers to schedule visits to ensure admin processes are in order, cold chain requirements are being met, etc. This is to ensure quality improvement is being achieved. Clinics should receive an email within the next few weeks to schedule visits.
- Clinics should have received Dr. Ferrer's letter regarding Blue Shield TPA contract changes. CCALAC also sent the letter and final contract changes to members.
 - 10 members have signed contracts with the state, TPA is working to engage the others.
 - MyTurn is not mandated at the transition start.
 - There is no current deadline to transition to TPA.

Blue Shield TPA/MyTurn

- Q: Is TPA contract signing due today?
 - A: There is currently no deadline.
- Q: Is there a MyTurn timeline?
 - A: There is not currently a timeline in place. CPCA and CCALAC are working to find ways for current EHRs to be integrated into MyTurn.
- Q: Are any clinics considering not joining TPA and just going with HRSA allocation? I know that CPCA didn't recommend that, but I'm curious if anyone would opt for that and just stick with PrepMod and don't transition to MyTurn.
 - A: Clinics have mentioned this as possibility but there are no reports of clinics doing this. HRSA doses are meant to supplement, not supplant vaccine supply.

Eligibility

- Q: Can a family caregiver be eligible under health care worker criteria or any category?
 - A: Just because you provide care for a family member does not necessary mean you qualify unless you are HHS, 65 and older, or meet other qualifying criteria.
- Q: Are workers at retail stores like Macy's, Ross, Marshall's who sell nonperishable packaged food eligible under food sector essential health workers?
 - A: No, they are not. Target and Walmart are eligible because they are grocery stores.
- Q: For simple family caregivers or informal caregivers who are not licensed but go into seniors' houses and do laundry, cleaning, or cooking would not be qualified either then?
 - A: If they have a letter stating they are in IHHS or have caregiver status, they would be eligible. There is not a self-attestation form for caregivers, but if the employer and employee go to receive vaccinations at the same time, they can likely receive vaccines.
- Q: Can providers accept self-attestation for the informal caregiver?
 - A: The answer is likely yes but further clarification is needed from LADPH. If the provider believes the patient is eligible, then that should be sufficient if documented.

Federal Vaccine Initiative

- Q: Have clinics that are participating in the HRSA vaccine program received doses yet?
 - A: Yes, QueensCare, LACHC, Behavioral Health Services, East Valley, and UMMA reported receiving HRSA doses this week.
- Q: If using PrepMod to schedule appointments with HRSA doses, should HRSA administered doses be reported via state reporting platforms?
 - A: VaccineFinder and CAIR2 are main requirements for HRSA reported doses.

- Q: Do we also need to submit HRSA vaccine inventory to VaccineFinder? I know we submit inventory daily to HRSA via the vaccine ordering portal.
 - A: Yes, VaccineFinder is a CDC requirement.