Detail on Oregon VFC Clinics Achieving Excellence

How we measure accounting excellence – We rely on data gathered from ALERT IIS to determine which clinics are meeting the vaccine inventory management standards required by VFC. Clinics that meet the VFC vaccine inventory accounting standards are acknowledged every quarter. The criteria used to measure inventory accountability are:

- 95% or higher of all vaccine inventory accounted for in ALERT IIS for "gold" recognition and 85-95% for "silver" recognition. (The accountability percentage takes into account immunizations given to all patients in ALERT IIS, regardless of patient VFC eligibility. Immunizations in patients' ALERT IIS records must include a valid vaccine eligibility code and a vaccine lot number that matches a lot number recorded in the ALERT IIS inventory module so that it deducts from inventory.)
- Having **fewer than 5% of accounted-for doses reported as expired, spoiled, or wasted** during the quarter,
- Having recorded the receipt of vaccine in the ALERT IIS inventory module during the quarter.
- Having had no compliance issues that would lead to suspension from the VFC program at the time the accountability report is run.

What actions lead to accounting excellence? Examples of actions clinics can take to improve their accountability include:

1. Timely acceptance of ALERT IIS order transfers of state-supplied vaccine.
2. Recording transferred vaccine in ALERT IIS.
3. Entering and maintaining private vaccine inventory in ALERT IIS.
4. Reporting all immunizations given in patients' records (either through an EHR that is exchanging data with ALERT IIS or by manually entering patient doses in ALERT IIS).
5. Reporting immunizations given to patients using VFC eligibility codes and valid vaccine lot numbers (lot numbers that match ALERT IIS inventory lot numbers).
6. Routinely counting physical inventory on hand and modifying inventory records in ALERT IIS to account for doses that were wasted, lost, and spoiled.

We offer a webinar twice a month that demonstrates the accountability report and helps you understand how to use it. You can sign up for the webinar on our website. We also have a handout on our website that shows you how to run the report. Look for it under the title ALERT IIS Information and Handouts, How to run and interpret the accountability report.