



The Update is a bi-weekly web newsletter published by the Iowa Department of Public Health's Bureau of Family Health. It is posted the second and fourth week of every month, and provides useful job resource information for departmental health care professionals, information on training opportunities, intradepartmental reports and meetings, and additional information pertinent to health care professionals.

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Iowa Pertussis Numbers on the Rise

According to testing performed by the State Hygienic Laboratory, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) says more than 150 people with pertussis (whooping cough) have been reported so far in 2012. This is a 121 percent increase over the number of cases reported at this time in 2011. The actual number of cases is probably much higher, because most adults with pertussis are not diagnosed or reported. While children ages 5 to 14 years make up the bulk of reported cases, it's important to note that adults are considered the primary 'spreaders' of the disease.

"Children receive pertussis vaccine series beginning at 2 months of age, and are recommended to get a booster dose of pertussis vaccine at 11 or 12 years of age," said IDPH Medical Director, Dr. Patricia Quinlisk. "Most adults haven't had a pertussis vaccination since childhood so they probably have no immunity left to pertussis. When they get the disease, their symptoms are milder and are often mistaken for a lingering cough, but they still spread the disease to others."

Thus, it's especially important that adults who are around children receive pertussis-containing vaccine because they can spread the disease to infants and young children who are too young to be fully immunized; this is called cocooning - providing a cocoon of safety around the child who cannot be vaccinated or is not old enough to be fully vaccinated. In infants, pertussis can be severe and even deadly. Adults can receive the Tdap shot (the adult "tetanus booster" that also contains pertussis vaccine).

The most common symptoms of pertussis in children are fits of coughing sometimes followed by vomiting or a 'whooping' sound as air is inhaled. Adults also cough, but usually the cough is not as severe, and the "whoop" is not heard. This is why many adults do not realize they have pertussis.

While taking antibiotics will treat the infection and prevent an individual from spreading the disease any further, the cough may continue for weeks while the irritated airways completely heal.

Go to www.idph.state.ia.us/cade/default.aspx to view the latest pertussis case counts in Iowa. For more information, contact Polly Carver-Kimm at (515) 281-6693.

IMPORTANT J-1 Visa Waiver Announced

The Primary Care Office has adjusted the review and recommendation process for the Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program. The revised review and recommendation process is available at www.idph.state.ia.us/OHDS/RuralHealthPrimaryCare.aspx?prog=RHPC&pg=PCO under Additional Resources. Individuals planning to submit requests to Iowa's program for the upcoming waiver year are encouraged to read the document carefully prior to submitting a request. Request packages may be submitted beginning Monday, October 1, 2012.

The Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program is one tool that addresses the shortage of qualified doctors in medically underserved areas of the United States by providing an option to waive the foreign residence requirement on behalf of physicians holding J-1 Visa's under certain conditions. Over 80 physicians have begun practice in Iowa over the last three years through this program.

Iowa Child and Family Household Health Survey

Early Childhood Results,
Children Ages 0-5 Years

Public Policy Center and the Iowa Department of Public Health



The results are out for the 2010 Iowa Child and Family Household Health Survey (IHHS). The IHHS is a comprehensive, statewide effort to evaluate the health status, access to health care, and social environment of children and families in Iowa.

Specific early childhood issues addressed in this report include:

- Early childhood environment
- Medical home and access to health
- Social determinants of health (neighborhood connectedness, food insecurity, maternal well-being and parenting stress)
- Development and assessment for children
- Child-care.

Overall, children in Iowa appear to be healthy and well adjusted. Iowa continues to be one of the nation's leaders in ensuring high health insurance coverage rates and access to medical service rates for children. However, certain segments of population, especially lower income children, have unmet health needs that should not be ignored.

The findings provide important information to policy makers, health care consumers, health care providers and anyone interested in the health and well-being of children and families across the state. The IHHS study was featured as a lead story in IowaNow, and principal investigator Peter Damiano was interviewed by Iowa Public Radio and KGAN TV to discuss its implications.

To access the Iowa Child and Family Household Health Survey, go to <http://ppc.uiowa.edu/health/study/iowa-child-and-family-household-health-survey>. You can also view the 2000 and 2005 results at this site.

Administration/Program Management

IME Informational Letter #1166: Enrollment Renewal 2012 Reminder

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise has released Informational Letter #1166 (page 6 of **The UPdate**) which serves as a reminder for Medicaid providers to complete the Medicaid enrollment renewal. The IME announced the launch of enrollment renewal in May 2012. Enrollment renewal is a requirement for all active providers to remain active in the Iowa Medicaid program. Providers who fail to complete enrollment renewal by December 31, 2012 will be terminated as an Iowa Medicaid provider.

All Iowa Medicaid providers will complete enrollment renewal electronically on the Iowa Medicaid Portal Access system at <https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/impa>. The provider will:

- Legally accept the new agreement
- Verify a listing that identifies each professional and institutional component of the provider organization and structure
- Complete the Ownership and Control Disclosure

To start the online renewal process, go to www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/Enrollment.html. Note that enrollment renewal must be completed by December 31, 2012.

To check your enrollment renewal status, go to the IMPA system and open the Re-Enrollment section and enter your Tax Identification Number. If the status indicates anything other than *complete*, then the renewal process has not been completed. In some cases the final step of the process requires providers to print and mail specific documentation to the IME. Some providers have completed the online steps but have failed to submit the required supporting documentation.

As you work toward renewal of your Medicaid provider status(es), you will find a point where it requests 'verification of provider status' (Maternal Health Center, Screening Center and Family Planning). When you get to this point and need such verification, the following staff in the Bureau of Family Health will provide that verification to you in a brief email:

- Steph Trusty for Maternal Health Centers (Stephanie.Trusty@idph.iowa.gov)
- Janet Beaman for Child Health Screening Centers (Janet.Beaman@idph.iowa.gov)
- Denise Wheeler for Family Planning (Denise.Wheeler@idph.iowa.gov)

If you have any questions regarding enrollment renewal, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 (or in the Des Moines area at 515-256-4609) or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

Calendar

October 16-17, 2012

***Bureau of Family Health Fall Seminar**

Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, Ames

* Required meeting

SEPTEMBER Contract Required Due Dates

13 - FP Client Visit Records

15- Electronic Expenditure
Workbooks

27 - Export WHIS Records to
IDPH



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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1166

DATE: September 10, 2012

TO: Iowa Medicaid Providers (Excluding Individual Consumer Directed Attendant Care)

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Enrollment Renewal 2012- **Reminder**

EFFECTIVE: **Immediately**

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To start the online renewal process, please refer to Informational Letter No.1128 dated May 15, 2012.

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The IME appreciates your partnership as we work together to serve the needs of Iowa Medicaid members

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