

**City of Carson City  
Agenda Report**

**Date Submitted:** December 10, 2013

**Agenda Date Requested:** December 19, 2013  
**Time Requested:** 15 minutes

**To:** Carson City Board of Health

**From:** Health & Human Services Department (Nicki Aaker)

**Subject Title:** Presentation and discussion only of the progress of the Immunization Billing Project and the School-Located Vaccination Program, along with the potential future implications of the Affordable Care Act in reference to Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS). (*Angela Barasso; Veronica Galas*)

**Staff Summary:** This is an opportunity to inform the Board of Health about the progress of the Immunization Billing Project, the School-Located Vaccination Program, and potential implications of the Affordable Care Act. The Immunization Billing grant received in 2012 made it possible for CCHHS to obtain additional insurance contracts. Under these contracts, CCHHS is able to bill for services provided to patients within the clinic and through outreach programs who are insured, either publically or privately.

In the past, vaccinations within the school setting have been provided for free or a donation with vaccine provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which is no longer available for school vaccinations. Through the School-Located Vaccination grant, CCHHS received funds to administer Tdap and influenza vaccinations to school children in Carson City, Douglas, Storey, and Lyon Counties and to help build a sustainable program. CCHHS is in the process of billing insurance companies and Medicaid for these vaccinations.

There are many changes on the horizon for local health departments as a result of the Affordable Care Act. Some of the potential changes may be seen in billing procedures and processes, reimbursement rates for services provided, potential grant funding impacts, and the need for formal healthcare collaborations with primary care providers.

**Type of Action Requested:** (check one)  
 Resolution  Ordinance  
 Formal Action/Motion  Other (Specify) Information Only

**Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement:**  Yes  No

**Recommended Board Action:** Presentation and discussion only

**Explanation for Recommended Board Action:** N/A

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Explanation of Impact:** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Alternatives:** N/A

**Supporting Material:** PowerPoint – CCHHS and Healthcare Reform

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**Reviewed By:** *N. Aaker* Date: 12-10-13  
(Department Head)  
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(City Manager)  
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(District Attorney)  
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(Finance Director)

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Aye/Nay  
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(Vote Recorded By)

## CCHHS and Healthcare Reform

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## ACA, Nevada and CCHHS

### Affordable Care Act (ACA)

- Passed by US Government in 2010
- Requires all Americans to have insurance
- Applies a tax penalty for those without coverage

### Nevada

- Medicaid Expansion
- Health Insurance Marketplace - Nevada Health Link

### CCHHS

- Insurance Billing and Expansion of Insurance Contracts
- Billing and School- Located Vaccination Grants
- Immunization Outreach Billing
- Clinical Services
- Partnering with the Ramirez Group for onsite enrollment

## Immunization Billing Project

- 2-year Interlocal Agreement with the State Immunization Program to develop a statewide plan for immunization billing for public health departments
  - Agreement extended an additional year to August 31, 2014
- 2 pilot programs at CCHHS and SNHD to pursue credentialing/contracting with additional insurers – CCHHS now has 18 public/private insurers
- Providing support to WCHD and State CHNs to set up policies and procedures and conduct training

## Insurance Contract Expansion

- Prior to Expansion
  - Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield
  - Medicaid, Medicare, Nevada Check Up
  - St. Mary's
- Following Expansion
  - Cigna (Vaccines only)
  - Coventry
  - Hometown Health Plan
  - Humana Nevada Preferred Provider
  - Medicaid HMO - Amerigroup/ Health Plan of Nevada
  - Public Employees Benefit Plan (PEBP)
  - St. Mary's Preferred Health Care Network
  - Universal Health Network

## School-located Vaccination Program

- 2-year subgrant from State Immunization Program to provide Tdap and Flu vaccinations in the quad-county area of Carson City and Douglas, Lyon and Storey counties and bill insurers in order to sustain the program long-term
- Funding to purchase private vaccine and supplies, plus pay P/T nurses and travel costs
- Funding ends August 31, 2014

## Immunization Outreach Billing

- Now billing for 3 programs: Clinic Services, Community Outreach and School-located Vaccinations (SLV)
- 40 Community Events, including senior centers, food banks and large employers
- 1,616 vaccinations given and billed
  - SLV = 3,989 flu vaccinations, students and non-students
    - Includes public, private, preschool, and child care centers in the quad counties; 18 schools in Carson City
    - To date billed charges of over \$66,000.00; approximately 12 more schools to be billed

## Clinical Services

Clinical Services bills public and private third party payors for all services provided.

### Clinical Process Changes

- Electronic Medical Record (EMR) – Entry of all clients, Data collection, Meaningful Use, HIPAA
- Billing and coding in-house

### Staff Involvement

- Billing and Coding – education and training
- Process Changes – continual revisions based on additional contracts, third party payors and changes in reimbursement
- Client Education
- Adapting to change as a constant

## Enrollment Partnership

Ramirez Group – Collaborating with a Nevada Marketplace Grantee

- Number of Individuals Assisted
- Number Receiving Eligibility Determination
- Number of Individuals Enrolled

Enrollment Barriers

## Future Implications

- Billing Procedures and Processes
- Changes in Reimbursement Models
- Formal Healthcare Collaborations
- Potential Impact to Grant Funding