

IPHA Immunization Billing Project

Background

- The IPHA Immunization Billing Project is a CDC-funded effort to enable local health departments to bill third-party payers for immunization services provided to insured patients.
- Since 2009, CDC has given more than \$34 million to 38 project awardees to assist them in developing plans that will enable them to begin billing for immunization services.
- IPHA implements the Immunization Billing Project from a grant provided by CDC through the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

Goals of the Project

- Assist Local Health Departments (LHDs) in the credentialing and contracting process.
- Increase the number of Local Health Departments contracting with third-party payers.
- Expand the IPHA vaccine consortium.
- Assist with improving collections on claims submitted.
- Assist LHDs to enter in their private vaccine stock into IDPH's I-CARE inventory system.
- Continue the Stakeholder Advisory Group to help oversee the project.
- Conduct training sessions for grant participants.
- Develop white papers on best practices in immunization billing.
- Improve immunization coverage levels.
- Provide training to LHDs for billing third-party payers for the services provided.

Results

- IPHA set out to dramatically improve LHDs' capacity to bill private third-party payers for immunization delivery.
- Revenue for LHDs has grown exponentially and has added more than \$1.3 million dollars on an annual basis in additional LHD resources through third-party billing.
- Many LHDs have been brought up to speed through implementation of state-of-the-art electronic health records, practice management systems, and revenue cycle management systems.
- IPHA has become the locus of technical assistance and training for LHDs on topics related to third-party billing and has acted as a go-between for the local public health delivery system and state agencies.
- 84 health departments report billing for some type of service.
- Over the course of the project, IPHA has convened 12 training programs.
- Over the course of the project, IPHA has developed and disseminated 8 billing best practice white papers.
- Over the course of project, the team has provided capacity-building assistance for third-party billing via various presentations and/or conferences.
- IPHA has implemented a technical assistance email address that LHDs can use to obtain help with billing-related questions.

