



## **Central Coast Immunization Registry**

Immunization Registries are confidential, computerized information systems containing vaccination histories. A registry provides immediate access to a child's current shot status. As families move in and out of public and private health care systems, parents and providers can use registries as a powerful tool to ensure that children receive timely immunizations and proper treatment.

The Central Coast Immunization Registry (CCIR), serving Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties, is fully operational and waiting for data. As a healthcare professional, you play an integral role in protecting children and families from vaccine-preventable diseases by maintaining high immunization rates for children in your care. Using the Central Coast Immunization Registry for documenting immunizations given in your office has many advantages.

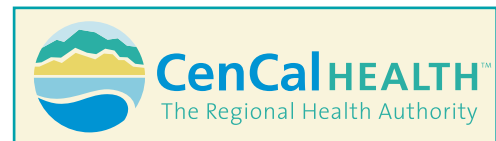
- Avoid missed opportunities due to unavailability of a current immunization record.
- Reduce duplicate immunizations and their associated cost.
- Decrease missed appointments through the use of registry-generated reminder/recall notifications for immunizations that are due and overdue.
- Use the CCIRs Inventory Control System to help manage vaccine inventories and monitor vaccine use by product and manufacturer.
- Receive current recommendations and information on new vaccines and changes in the vaccine schedule.
- Quickly generate documentation for school, pre-school, childcare and camp entry.
- Reduce the cost of immunization administration
- Easily print up-to-date immunization cards for use in the medical record or to give to parents.

Additionally, the Registry administrator will, at the request of the Managed Care Organization, generate coverage reports for HEDIS or other purposes, thereby reducing the number of records to be pulled and refiled for these projects.

As medical practices become accustomed to using the registry, the benefits for all involved will become evident. The sooner your office starts using the Registry, the sooner you, your patients, their parents, and other providers will see the many advantages of having access to comprehensive automated immunization data.

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Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority (SBRHA) is changing its name as of January 1, 2008 to CenCal Health. As we have matured as an organization and expanded our partnership with San Luis Obispo County, a fresh identity was needed to better convey our mission, vision, and values. In addition, this new name reflects the unique qualities of our geographic service area which includes both Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. With over 24 years of service and commitment to the Santa Barbara community, we look forward administering the Medi-Cal product for San Luis Obispo County beginning March, 2008. Please look for more information and watch for our new logo as we begin to roll out our new identity in the coming months.

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### **Holiday Closure**

SBRHA will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th and Tuesday, January 1st in observation of Christmas and New Years.

### **Interpreter Needed**

SBRHA is looking to expand its contractor network for Spanish and Mixteco Interpreters in the north county area of Santa Barbara County and all of San Luis Obispo County. Interpreters will be required to facilitate communication between Limited English Proficient (LEP) SBRHA members and non-Spanish and Mixteco speaking health plan providers. The ideal candidate must be fluent both in English and Spanish, be proficient in medical terminology and be bi-cultural. Selected applicants will be evaluated for proficiency in Spanish and medical terminology prior to hire as an Independent Contractor. Please email your resume to [yvette@sbrha.org](mailto:yvette@sbrha.org).

### **Childhood Obesity Summit**

Please SAVE the DATE for the Childhood Obesity Summit presented by SBRHA on **January 29, 2008 from 4-7 PM** in Santa Maria at the Radisson Hotel. This is an opportunity for health care providers and community partners from Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties to learn about community resources and promising programs that address childhood obesity. For registration information, call Paula Michal at 562-1020.

### **ON THE HORIZON**



Beginning February 1, 2008, the address for paper claim submittals will be changing. Please watch your mail for more information on this important change in submitting paper claims!

### **2008 HCPCS and CPT Update**

Providers may begin using the new 2008 CPT and HCPCS codes for the PP2, Healthy Families, Healthy Kids and IHSS Programs for dates of service on and after January 1, 2008. Please be sure to use the most current HCPCS or CPT code for the date each service was provided.

### **CLAIMS**

**CORNER**

### **Reminders:**

1. To prevent claim denials, please check a member's eligibility prior to submitting a claim as members' eligibility changes monthly. Eligibility may be checked on our website at [www.sbrha.org](http://www.sbrha.org).
2. PCPs: As we approach 2008, please remember to use the proper year when completing referrals that extend into next year. This will ensure the RAF is entered into our system with the correct from/thru dates, and will not cause a delay in the payment of claims. (i.e. 11/01/2007 through 02/01/2008)
3. All lines of a RAF must be legible and filled in correctly. Please pay particular attention to the following fields:
  - a. The member ID number
  - b. The referring provider number
  - c. The provider group number
4. 2008 ICD-9-CM Code Updated Delayed  
The Medi-Cal program has yet to adopt the 2008 updates for ICD-9-CM for Volume 1 (disease diagnoses) and Volume 3 (inpatient procedure codes) of the 2008 International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification, 6th Edition. DHCS requests that Medi-Cal providers **not** bill with the 2008 ICD-9-CM codes until notified to do so in a future *Medi-Cal Bulletin Update*.  
Inline with DHCS, SBRHA also requests that providers do not begin billing with the 2008 ICD-9-CM codes prior to DHCS' notification.

**NOTE:** Updates to the 2008 ICD-9-CM codes for Volume 1 and Volume 3 will be effective for **Medicare** on October 1, 2007.

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