Kansas Immunization Program

Criteria of Classification Adolescents (13 to 19 yrs.)

Who Moved or Went Elsewhere (MOGE)

The Kansas Immunization Program recommends that the same definition for "active patient" be used for adolescents when assessing immunization coverage rates in clinic setting across the State, the Kansas Immunization Program has developed a list of criteria for the "moved or gone elsewhere" (MOGE) category. Before an adolescent (13 to 19 years) is categorized as MOGE, *one or more* of the following criteria need to be met:

1. A request made to transfer the immunization records to another vaccine provider.
2. Has not had an immunization encounter at the clinic for more than one year.
3. A mailed recall notice has returned indicating the adolescent moved and left no forwarding address.
4. The provider has been notified by a family member, neighbor, employer, school, another vaccine provider or post office that the adolescent has moved out of the area.
5. A home visit was made and the adolescent no longer resides.

Unanswered telephone calls or a non-returned recall notices ***does not*** indicate the adolescent has moved or gone elsewhere. Only when one or more of the four criteria noted above is met is the adolescent is eligible for MOGE.

Immunization Providers are encouraged to be proactive in determining the immunization status of the adolescents in their practice. The first step in this process is to determine the vaccination status. This may be done through Web IZ, CoCASA, a tickler reminder system, electronic medical record, or other internal reporting mechanisms. Second the adolescent who has not received the recommended immunizations may be sent a recall notice of needed vaccinations. Postcards, telephone calls, auto-dialers, text and email messaging and FaceBook are some of the methods used by providers.

It is important to document in the adolescent record, EMR or KsWebIZ when they are categorized as MOGE'd. Identifying adolescents who no longer consider the clinic as their primary immunization provider will allow for a more accurate estimate of the immunization coverage rate in the clinic and across the state. By instituting these interventions as part of a comprehensive, theory driven and evidence-based approach immunization coverage rates have shown improvement.

Please contact the Kansas Immunization Program with any questions. Thank you for your interest in keeping our adolescent healthy so they can enter into a healthy adulthood free from vaccine-preventable disease.

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