MCIR Release Highlights

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Update: Shingrix

The new Shingles vaccine is being distributed to providers and MCIR is ready to receive vaccine administrations for Shingrix. The appropriate codes have been entered in MCIR such that if a provider administers the vaccine, it can be recorded in MCIR. MCIR is being prepped for Shingrix Assessment for the March 2018 Release scheduled for March 14, 2018. More information on this in the March MCIR Release Highlights newsletter!

NEW: Planning for the Future - Assessment

Change is a constant no matter whether at work or in our personal lives! We are all regularly adjusting to the "New Normal." MCIR is no different with each new vaccine, vaccine schedule or new feature offered in MCIR. Recently MCIR Management and Developers have been in discussions to create a 3-5 year roadmap of development work including prioritization. Not only will this help MCIR Management with financial planning and development schedules, it will help with

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communicating to the MCIR Users where the system is headed. One project that has officially kicked off is the replacement of our Assessment/Forecast engine. **The change is the assessment engine should be seemless to the MCIR User and recipient of the MCIR pdf record or query response. While seemless, we want you to be aware of the project.**

As some of you may know, MCIR is a 'home grown' system, meaning that it is not an Off-the-Shelf commercially available product like Microsoft products. This has worked well for us over the years, allowing MCIR to provide modules such as Newborn Screening and Blood Lead information as well as AFIX and VFC. Probably the most complex offering is the Assessment/Forecast capabilities. While MCIR has been fortunate to have talented and dedicated development staff (some who have been with us for over 25 years) the time has come to begin the steps necessary to integrate MCIR with a commercial Assessment/Forecast service that allows a user interface so that MCIR business staff can input new schedules or modify existing ones.

The transition to a commercial product will happen over many, many months. First steps are to set up the appropriate technical test

environment so that the new product can be run through a series of test cases (different ages, vaccine schedules, etc.) and then compare the Assessment/Forecast results to how MCIR would process that same group. This will help us get to know how the new product functions. Following conclusion of the analysis and learning phase, the MCIR Team will recommend an Implementation Method and Schedule.

Via this newsletter, you will be kept appraised of how this project is progressing and when it will be moving into the implementation phase.

In Development: Foster Care Staff Access to MCIR History/Forecast – Just as MCIR is working with the myHealthButton/myHealthPortal technical support staff to provide a way for Medicaid Beneficiaries to retrieve or view their MCIR Record, MCIR continues to look for other groups who need access to Immunization Forecast/History information. Currently MCIR is working with the MDHHS CareConnect360 team to share our data with their system users.

CareConnect360 (CC360) facilitates the sharing of critical cross-system information to provide care coordinators a more comprehensive view of the person they are providing services or assistance. This could be Behavior Health, Physical Health, or Assistance and Support Services information. Users of CC360 include:

- Medicaid Health Plans
- PIHPs (Behavioral Health)
- CMHs (Behavioral Health)
- ICOs (Integrated Care Organizations)
- MDHHS
- FQHCs (Federal Qualified Health Centers)
- Local Health Departments
- Foster Care Staff
- Juvenile Justice

Foster Care Workers have for many years desired to have the ability to look up immunization status for the children they serve. MCIR and the CC360 Team are working together, by leveraging MCIR Query capabilities, to allow Foster Care Staff secure access to the MCIR record.

More information will be shared as this development proceeds in 2018.