

## Funding Opportunity Announcement Improving HPV Immunization Rates Project Application

Please complete the application using the following link no later than **December 29, 2017**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPVProjectApplication>

On average, 130 people in New Hampshire are diagnosed with cancer every year that is likely caused by HPV infection.<sup>1</sup> Despite the availability of no-cost HPV vaccine less than half of children in NH complete the HPV vaccine series. Evidence-based strategies to reduce missed opportunities for HPV vaccinations include:

- Provider prompts
- Standing orders for HPV vaccine
- Reminder-recall systems
- Strong provider recommendation for HPV vaccine

In an effort to prevent cancer, the New Hampshire Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration (NH CCC) has dedicated funding to support providers who are interested in improving adolescent immunization rates, specifically HPV. Funds can be used to support staff time to plan, implement and evaluate HPV improvement projects. Each applicant is eligible for a \$2,500 stipend to implement strategies to improve HPV vaccination rates.

For any questions, contact Terry Johnson, Director NH CCC, [tjohnson@healthynh.com](mailto:tjohnson@healthynh.com).

In order to apply, you will need to answer the following questions regarding your current and planned future activities around adolescent immunizations. Please use the SurveyMonkey link at the top to respond.

1. Do you have a provider prompt for HPV vaccination?
2. Do you have standing orders for HPV vaccination for all children age 11-13?
3. Do you currently have HPV immunization reminders in place?
4. Do you currently have HPV immunization recalls in place?
5. Do you know the percentage of adolescents 13 years of age at your practice who have initiated the HPV vaccine series by their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday?
6. Do you know the percentage of adolescents 13 years of age at your practice who have had the recommended immunizations HPV vaccine series by their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/hsdm/cancer/documents/hpv-nh-1999-2013.pdf>

### Priority Applicants

Health systems who meet the following criteria will be given priority in the application process:

- Have demonstrated a commitment to improving immunization rates previously through a quality improvement project, etc.
- Are a primary care practice
- Are located in a rural or medically underserved area

### Project Timeline

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| November 27, 2017   | Call for applications released               |
| December 29, 2017   | Applications due via SurveyMonkey            |
| January 12, 2018    | Acceptance letters sent out                  |
| January 19, 2018    | Introductory webinar                         |
| February 2018       | Technical assistance meeting with NH CCC     |
| February 16, 2018   | Plan for project completed (Appendix A)      |
| February 23, 2018   | ½ of stipend for project distributed         |
| February – May 2018 | Clinic implements project                    |
| June 1, 2018        | Final project summary submitted (Appendix B) |
| June 15, 2018       | ½ of stipend for project distributed         |

### Project Requirements

The NH CCC, in collaboration with the NH Division of Public Health Services, is requiring clinics work toward the following requirements in exchange for project stipends.

1. Selected applicants will be asked to sign a letter of agreement (LOA) with the Foundation for Healthy Communities, which provides management services for the NH CCC through a contract with the NH Division of Public Health Services.
2. Participate in an introductory webinar.
3. Schedule a no-cost technical assistance meeting with the NH CCC to develop and or review the project plan.
4. Submit a completed HPV Project Plan Template (see Appendix A) to NH CCC.
5. Implement the reminder/recall project between February to May.
6. Submit HPV Project Report Template (see Appendix B) to NH CCC.

### Selection of Awardees

Applications will be reviewed based on the above-mentioned criteria. We anticipate that up to four organizations will receive awards.

## Resources

The following resources are available to help practices interested in increasing HPV vaccination rates.

The Community Preventive Services Task Force

<https://www.thecommunityguide.org/sites/default/files/assets/Vaccination-Client-Reminders.pdf>

Effectiveness and Net Cost of Reminder/Recall for Adolescent Immunizations, Article in *Pediatrics* Journal

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/129/6/e1437>

**Appendix A**  
 HPV Vaccine Improvement– Project Plan

|  |                        |                                   |             |                           |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Project:</b>                                    |                        | <b>Team Members:</b>              |             |                           |
| <b>Start Date:</b>                                 |                        | <b>End Date:</b>                  |             |                           |
| <b>Baseline HPV Vaccination Rates<sup>2</sup>:</b> |                        | <b>Goal HPV Vaccination Rate:</b> |             |                           |
| <b>Drivers for HPV Vaccination:</b>                | <b>Process Measure</b> | <b>Baseline</b>                   | <b>Goal</b> |                           |
| 1.   |                        |                                   |             |                           |
| 2.   |                        |                                   |             |                           |
| 3.   |                        |                                   |             |                           |
| <b>Driver #</b>                                    | <b>Change Idea</b>     | <b>Tasks to Prepare</b>           | <b>PDSA</b> | <b>Person Responsible</b> |
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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.ncqa.org/portals/0/Immunizations%20for%20Adolescents.pdf>

Appendix B  
 HPV Vaccine Recall Reminder – Project Final Report

| Baseline HPV Vaccination Rates <sup>3</sup> : |                 | Goal HPV Vaccination Rate: |                                 | Final HPV Vaccination Rate: |        |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Drivers for HPV Vaccination:                  | Process Measure |                            | Baseline                        | Goal                        | Actual |
| 1.  |                 |                            |                                 |                             |        |
| 2.  |                 |                            |                                 |                             |        |
| 3.  |                 |                            |                                 |                             |        |
| Driver #                                      | Change Idea     |                            | Description of Project Outcomes |                             |        |
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