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**FUN FACT:** The average number of monthly KIDSNET users has nearly doubled since 2010, growing from 565 in 2010 to 1,054 in 2014.



**"KIDSNET is a wonderful tool to help establish a baseline for all new children who enroll in Head Start or Early Head Start. I can research their immunizations, current lead level, and Hemoglobin and Hematocrit. In addition, the hearing assessment is very valuable as it helps determine which child needs follow-up or already has been seen by audiology. KIDSNET is my biggest asset in helping children enjoy great health!"**

*Eunice Lydon, CCAP Head Start*

## WIC NUTRITION SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE AT MEETING STREET

We are pleased to announce that WIC Services are now available at Meeting Street (1000 Eddy St., Providence). Meeting Street has recognized the importance of nutrition in overall health and development for children from birth to age five, enhancing the work that they do within their many developmental programs. This new program, like all Rhode Island WIC programs, will work to improve birth outcomes and prepare children to learn through services such as nutrition education, breastfeeding support, referrals, and supplemental foods. Call the Meeting Street WIC Clinic at 401-533-9145 to schedule an appointment for your clients. Openings are available within days. WIC information from the Meeting Street WIC Clinic, like all other WIC sites, will be available in KIDSNET for participating children. Contact information for the site is also in KIDSNET to encourage care coordination.

## SCREENING TO SUCCEED

Screening to Succeed supports primary-care providers who see children, up to age three, to conduct developmental screening using standardized tools that are available electronically and to follow up on the screening by connecting families to resources that meet the needs of their patients and families. There are currently 20 primary care practices across the state that are using this system to conduct standardized developmental and autism screening at the required 9, 18, 24, and 30 month well child visits through Screening to Succeed. Screening results are recorded in KIDSNET, and primary-care

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practices can view the date of the next recommended screening in KIDSNET.

If you see children up to age 3, consider the benefits to your practice for participating in this project:

- Technical assistance and a one-year user license to implement an electronic system of standardized developmental screening
- Tablets that allow patients' families and clinical staff the ability to access and utilize an electronic screening system in the office
- Bonuses and technical assistance to increase developmental screening rates
- Staff support to refer and link patients and families to appropriate evidence-based community resources
- Informational kits for families to help them understand developmental milestones and the importance of developmental screening

If you are interested in participating in Screening to Succeed, contact:

Emily Eisenstein at 401-222-5924 or [emily.eisenstein@health.ri.gov](mailto:emily.eisenstein@health.ri.gov)

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## CPT AND CVX CODES FOR STATE SUPPLIED VACCINES

The CVX code used for electronic reporting of 9vHPV is 165. Practices must either add this code or have their EHR vendors add the code. When entering data into the EHR, please verify that the vaccine that was administered is correctly recorded since 4vHPV and 9vHPV have different codes.

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## FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR VACCINE CODING

On behalf of the RI DOH KIDSNET Program, Scientific Technologies Corporation (STC) has been authorized to contact practices to offer free assistance. This assistance entails reviewing and verifying that your practice is utilizing the current vaccine administration codes for HPV9, 2015 – 2016 seasonal flu vaccine, and other vaccines utilized in Rhode Island. Verifying and correctly mapping these codes will help your practice accurately record and report vaccines administered as part of Rhode Island's State Supplied Vaccine Program (SSV).

In addition, this review can help identify possible updates needed for your electronic health record and the electronic interface with KIDSNET. If you are not yet sending electronic immunization records to KIDSNET, this will help prepare your practice for future submissions with an interface. If you have not been contacted by STC, please email Rae Barr directly at [rae\\_barr@stchome.com](mailto:rae_barr@stchome.com) to schedule a convenient time to review your vaccine coding.

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## CURRENT VACCINATION INFORMATION STATEMENTS (VIS) UPDATES FOR HPV9, INFLUENZA (LAIV AND TIV)

Chickenpox	3/13/08	Hib	4/02/15	Meningococcal	10/14/11	PPSV	04/24/15
DTaP/DT/DTP	5/17/07	HPV (Gardasil)	5/17/13	MMR	4/20/12	Polio	11/08/11
Hepatitis A	10/25/11	HPV 9 (Gardasil)	4/15/15	MMRV	5/21/10	Rotavirus	04/15/15
Hepatitis B	2/02/12	Influenza (LAIV)	8/7/15	Multi-vaccine	10/22/14	Td	02/24/15
		Influenza (TIV)	8/7/15	PCV 13	2/27/13	Tdap	02/24/15

**Please replace outdated VISs by ordering current versions.**

<http://www.health.ri.gov/order/publications> (click on Immunizations)

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## SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Incorporating HPV vaccination into Rhode Island's school immunization regulations

HPV vaccination is being phased into Rhode Island's school immunization regulations according to the schedule below.

2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
7th graders – 1st dose	8th graders – 2nd dose	9th graders – 3rd dose
	7th graders – 1st dose	8th graders – 2nd dose
		7th graders – 1st dose

### School Exclusions

RI DOH is not interested in excluding children from school due to a lack of vaccination against HPV. If a parent is concerned that their child will be excluded from school because of his or her HPV vaccination status, that parent should contact RI DOH for guidance (401-222-5960).

### Exemption Forms

Medical exemption forms are available for order online. RI DOH will print and mail these forms to healthcare providers at no cost. Please order medical exemption forms and have them available.

Physicians do not need to sign religious exemption forms. However, if a physician encounters a parent who feels a strong conviction against HPV vaccination, she or he should make that parent aware of the religious exemption form. (These forms are available online and through school nurses. The form is signed by the parent and submitted to the school nurse.)