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Dear Dr. Rodewald:

The Association of Immunization Managers (AIM), the American Immunization Registry Association (AIRA), and grantees participating in the Grantee Advisory Committee (GAC) have been working with CDC to provide input on VTrckS functionality. We appreciate the opportunity to work with CDC to make this system comprehensive and user friendly for all types of users at all levels.

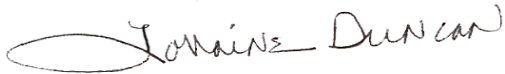
AIM and AIRA request that early VTrckS functionality be modified to allow electronic submission of changes to the master provider data in VTrckS. This master database includes information such as provider name, address, delivery address, delivery hours and new providers.

The current proposed plan for data transfer does not allow changes to the provider address, delivery address and/or delivery hours. These fields are critical to the successful delivery of vaccine. Without these changes, grantees will be required to update all delivery information manually in VTrckS. This manual process will be very time-consuming and could lead to errors, omissions and loss of accountability information. Updating this important information could easily be automated as part of the file transfer process.

We fully understand the need for CDC to move forward with SAP to implement a comprehensive vaccine management system in a timely manner. We also understand the need to implement the system in phases and we are looking forward to the pilot program in October 2010. However, we are very concerned that the pilot for Washington and Michigan is projected to have an electronic interface that will upload vaccine order information only and not changes to vaccine delivery information. This will have an impact on timely and accurate vaccine delivery. Using a new system should not be a bigger burden on grantees. We request that the changes to information specific to delivery of the vaccine be included in the pilot phase of the project.

It is critical to include an efficient way to manage the frequent changes in provider data as a part of the VTrckS system. Please give serious consideration to the changes we feel are needed as part of this pilot phase and going forward. We would appreciate your comment on this recommendation and details on its possible implementation and/or next steps. Please contact Claire Hannan, Executive Director of AIM, at channan@immunizationmanagers.org or Cynthia Sutliff, Executive Director of AIRA, at csutliff@health.nyc.gov if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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