

In the
United States,



Rate of
INFLUENZA
related hospitalizations¹

As of July 2016



Medicare beneficiary (65+)
INFLUENZA
IMMUNIZATION
rate for Illinois²

Over the past 10 years
an average of



in Illinois were related
to **INFLUENZA** and
PNEUMONIA
complications³

¹ http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6522a3.htm#F4_down

² <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/about/resources/interactive-mapping-tool-tracking-flu-vaccinations/index.html>

³ <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6421a5.htm>

Saving Lives through Immunization... **VACCINATE NOW!**



The Goal

Our goal is simple. Working together we can **save the lives of seniors** across Illinois **through immunizations**.

The Situation

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), immunization rates among adults in the United States (US) are much lower than national targets. A report from the National Center for Health Statistics listed vaccine-preventable diseases – influenza and pneumonia – as the **eighth-leading cause of death** in the US. Pneumonia is estimated to kill **53,282 people each year**, while adults aged 65 and older make up 90 percent of influenza-related deaths. Over the past decade in Illinois, on average, **3,500 individuals die** from flu or pneumonia related complications each year, with the majority of these deaths occurring among seniors.

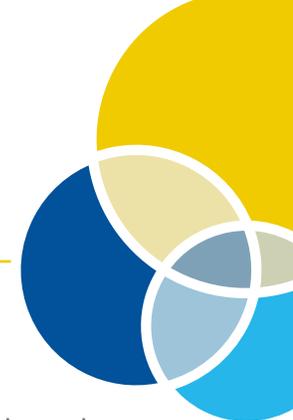
Despite the availability of effective vaccines, immunization rates for adults remain significantly low, falling well below the Healthy People 2020 target of 70% for influenza and 90% pneumonia. In Illinois, the immunization rates for seniors are **50.95% for influenza** and **48.46% for pneumonia**.

Join Us

You play an important role in helping to educate patients about immunization recommendations. Telligen works as a partner with health care providers and organizations throughout Illinois to increase influenza and pneumonia immunization rates for Medicare beneficiaries.

Through the immunization initiative, Telligen engages a widespread community that includes traditional health care providers (i.e. physician's offices, home health agencies, critical access hospitals, nursing homes), health care partners and organizations (pharmacies, vaccination centers, community/physician organizations, state agencies and registries, Medicare beneficiary representatives), and other key partners and stakeholders to **increase education and awareness** of these vaccine-preventable diseases, and increase the immunization rates.

Join the Immunization Initiative, DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND!



Benefits to Participating Healthcare Providers

- There is **no cost** to getting involved!
- Virtual affinity group sessions that provide intensive, large-scale technical assistance through networking/peer-building relationships focusing on immunization data analysis, best practice intervention packages, tools, performance improvement interventions and actions for future sustainability.
- **Free ongoing educational webinars** by subject matter experts.
- Engagement of community organizations and stakeholders to promote immunization interventions in the community.
- **Opportunities to collaborate** on and share success stories, lessons learned and strategic action plans for improving immunizations, assessment, referral, documentation and reporting to the immunization registry.

About Telligen QIN-QIO

The Telligen Quality Innovation Network – Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO), in collaboration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), supports the HHS National Quality Strategy to accomplish **better care, better health for people and communities and affordable care through improvements**.

Combining our efforts to **improve immunization rates in Illinois** will require side-by-side work with providers in all settings of care on quality improvement initiatives, while pooling resources and common elements to best serve the needs of beneficiaries, families, caregivers and healthcare providers across the region.

Our Approach

We drive quality in healthcare for Medicare beneficiaries by providing communities with technical assistance, convening learning and action networks for sharing best practices, and collecting and analyzing data for improvement. We align statewide partners and ongoing initiatives to **create efficiencies and maximize momentum**.

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