

The Immunization Quality Improvement Program (IQIP)

The Immunization Quality Improvement Program (IQIP) is an immunization quality improvement program designed for Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers. The purpose of IQIP is to promote and support provider level quality improvement efforts designed to increase on time vaccination of children and adolescents

IQIP Strategies

1. Schedule the next visit before the patient leaves the provider office.
2. Leverage the state immunization information system (USIIS) functionality to improve immunization practice.
3. Give a strong vaccine recommendation, specifically for HPV vaccine if the provider serves adolescents.

Each provider decides on a Strategic Implementation Plan with the IQIP representative. The representative will follow up at 2 months, 6 months, and then re-run the assessment rates and review the progress at 12 months.

IQIP visits for this year began in fall of 2019. Unfortunately, as implementation of the program has started, we were faced with the challenges of COVID-19 and did not finish the required 25% of IQIP visits to VFC providers. Fifty-four initial visits were completed which fell 34 below the required 88 visits. The CDC now allows us to start new visits via Google Meet. Providers who were not visited last year will be a priority in 2020-2021.