

The Immunization Quality Improvement Program (IQIP) is a program designed to provide quality improvement activities 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 in adherence to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) routine immunization schedule.

IQIP core strategies

1. Schedule the next visit before the patient leaves the provider office.
2. Leverage the Utah Statewide Immunization Information System's (USIIS) functionality to improve immunization practice.
3. Give a strong vaccine recommendation, specifically for HPV vaccine, if the provider serves adolescents.
4. Strengthen vaccination communications.

IQIP process

Site visit (in-person)

- Discuss provider's vaccination workflow
- Review initial coverage assessments and set coverage goals
- Discuss, select, and practice QI strategies

2-Month check-in (phone call)

- Monitor progress
- Provide technical assistance and motivation
- Update strategy implementation plan

6-Month check-in (phone call)

- Monitor progress
- Provide technical assistance and motivation
- Update strategy implementation plan

12-Month follow-up (phone call)

- Assess QI progress and provide technical assistance
- Evaluate year-over-year change in coverage levels
- Update strategy implementation plan and encourage continued effort

During the IQIP process, each provider decides on a Strategic implementation plan with the IQIP representative. The representative then follows-up at 2 months, 6 months, and then re-runs the assessment rates and reviews the progress at 12 months after the initial site visit.

In-person initial IQIP visits resumed for 2021. The goal is to initiate the IQIP process with 25% of our providers. We were able to complete initial visits in 79 provider offices, reaching our goal of 25%. These visits are followed up on throughout the entire 12-month cycle.