

ACTION STEP WORKSHEET

Action Title Update Daycare Immunization Requirements

Description: KDHE will issue updated immunization requirements for children enrolled in daycare.

Rationale: Unimmunized children enrolled in daycare are at high risk of contracting disease and spreading it to others. Daycare immunization requirements have not been revised for a decade and need to be updated in light of newly available vaccines. More stringent requirements will increase the opportunities for children to be immunized and increase coverage.

Strategy supported (refer to the IKK strategies):

4. Promote policies, regulations and environmental changes that increase access to and utilization of immunization services.

Expected Outcomes: New daycare immunization requirements will be adopted by the end of 2008, most likely by rule-making rather than legislation. Timeliness and consistency of future revisions of the daycare requirements may be facilitated by changing the daycare immunization requirements simultaneously with the school immunization requirements.

Proposed evaluation methods: Annual immunization coverage surveys for all 2-year old children. Coverage and timeliness of immunizations among preschoolers as measured by kindergarten surveys before and after the regulations are implemented. Special studies could also be conducted to measure immunization rates among children enrolled in daycare before and after the regulations are promulgated.

Challenges: Ensuring that requirements can be revised through rule-making. Securing the support of the daycare operators.

Resource Requirements: Can be accomplished with current KDHE resources.

Commitments for Implementation:

<i>Participant Organization and Name</i>	<i>Suggested Organization and Name</i>
KDHE	Daycare Operators Organization
KAAP	
KAFP	
Kansas Association for Osteopathic Medicine	
Kansas Medical Society	
Kansas Association of Local Health Departments	
Kansas State Nurses Association	
Kansas Department of Education	
KPHA	