

Immunize Kansas Kids Proposed Action Items

Access Workgroup

1. **Large-Volume Vaccine Purchase:** Common childhood vaccines will be purchased in large volumes by a unique, voluntary public-private partnership.
2. **Defining the Unimmunized Population:** KDHE, in collaboration with their partners in immunization programs, will use newly available data to define the characteristics of unimmunized and under immunized children in Kansas.
3. **Maximize Medicaid Reimbursement for Vaccine Administration:** KS Medicaid rates will be raised to the maximum permitted by the federal Medicaid program. KS Medicaid will request the federal government to review the actual costs of administering vaccines and raise federal reimbursement rates to reflect current costs.
4. **Establish Uniform Reimbursement Rates for Vaccine Administration:** KDHE will work with the Kansas Insurance Department, Health Insurance Providers, Physicians and Local Health Departments to establish uniform, adequate reimbursement rates for vaccine administration.
5. **Create a standing Secretary of Health and Environment's Immunization Advisory Panel to succeed IKK:** A group of 12-15 panel members would be appointed by the Secretary of Health and Environment for fixed terms. Members would represent specific stakeholder organizations.
6. **Update Daycare Immunization Requirements:** KDHE will issue updated immunization requirements for children enrolled in daycare.
7. **Maximizing Office Based Immunization :** Following evaluation of MOBI-KS by KAAP and KDHE, additional funding should be sought to continue the project.
8. **Improve Vaccine Product Management:** Currently, physicians and health agencies that participate in the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) are expected to segregate and separately store vaccine products purchased via the VFC Program. This system requires additional storage capacity and in some situations may result in waste because of the inability to co-mingle and manage inventories.

Registry Workgroup

1. **Develop a long-term KSWebIZ enrollment and management plan :**
 - Continue to develop a comprehensive and detailed KSWebIZ implementation plan that focuses recruitment and training efforts on high-priority 'clusters' of providers and clarifies additional resource needs.
 - Continue to refine KDHE's *Marketing Plan for the Kansas Immunization Registry Rollout –KSWebIZ*. A step-wise strategy should be developed for enrolling providers that focuses highest-priority efforts on 'clusters' of providers that share key characteristics. The marketing plan will differentiate and recruit from the different users of the registry:
 - Identification of short- and long-term resource (both financial and professional) needs must be more fully elaborated and potential sources of support secured.

2. **Private Provider Education about the Kansas WebIZ - Immunization Registry:** Educate and increase immunization providers' awareness using the following steps.
 - Continue/expand statewide presentations on the immunization registry's status and future plans to stimulate enrollment, participation, and use of the registry.
 - Research options to allow non-contributing providers (i.e., health care providers whose patients receive immunizations elsewhere—e.g., at the local health department) to have access to KSWebIZ data.
3. **Reduce provider disincentives for KSWebIZ participation:** Identify barriers to KSWebIZ participation by immunization providers and develop specific targeted solutions.
 - For providers without an electronic practice management system from which immunization data can be extracted, reduce the perception of the burden of KSWebIZ data entry.
 - For providers with electronic data-management systems from which immunization data can be imported into KSWebIZ, reduce the burden of adding patient immunization histories by populating KSWebIZ with electronic data from as many sources as possible.
 - For providers using EMR with varying capacities to manage immunization data, develop the capacity to electronically store core data elements and establish an HL7-compliant interface to reduce the burden of dual data entry of immunization encounters.
4. **Provide incentives for KSWebIZ participation:** Develop a targeted program of incentives for vaccination providers needing one-time assistance to make a long-term commitment to participation in KSWebIZ.
 - Develop a comprehensive plan to retain existing KSWebIZ participants
 - Facilitate use of KSWebIZ/registry data by strategic partners