

Questions from January 4, 2018 Webinar #2
Promotion of Immunizations to Increase Vaccination Rates

1. Is there any state-wide immunization data that is available to use when conducting a needs assessment?

There are several data resources available on our [Immunization data](#) webpage. The [IIS Training Materials Portal](#) also contains tutorials on using the IIS for [running coverage rates](#).

2. Will all proposals be automatically accepted?

Our intent is to fund all counties unless the funding is declined by the LHJ. We will review proposals and follow-up with counties if there are questions about the proposal or if adjustments are needed.

3. Will discussions with our community partners meet this work and be considered qualitative data?

Possibly. This may be dependent on the type of information collected during the discussions, topics covered, etc. DOH will have a staff person available to provide technical assistance and help you think through your project and data collection as needed.

4. The examples you provided for health care provider education seemed to be things covered by the AFIX visit? Is there a list of provider education that would qualify for this, if not AFIX?

During AFIX visits, increasing knowledge base of providers is frequently necessary in order to effectively implement a QI strategy. While provider education may be a step in helping providers implement a QI strategy, the education alone would not be considered AFIX.

Provider education that does not focus specifically on implementing process improvements in their practice would qualify for this project. Additional examples include:

- How to avoid administration errors
- Knowledge of vaccine preventable diseases
- Available vaccines
- How to talk to vaccine hesitant parents
- School immunization requirements and exemptions

Ultimately, we want to support activities that will move the needle to increase rates for the population chosen, and be able to measure to demonstrate. We are aiming to complement AFIX, but not overlap nor burden providers who are already participating in AFIX or similar QI initiatives to increase rates. DOH will have a staff person available for consultation as you are developing your proposal.

5. If one or more LHJ declines to accept the funding, will the money be redistributed to other LHJs that accepted the opportunity?

We will make this determination once we know how many counties decline the funding, and after we receive our federal grant award for 2018-2019.

6. When do you anticipate receiving your federal funding award amount?

Our next federal grant cycle begins on July 1, 2018. We anticipate receiving our final notice of award roughly 30 days prior to the start of the grant cycle.

7. Is there any ability to leverage education/recruitment in conjunction with 317 vaccine?

We can consider projects focused on adults on a case-by-case basis. The fund source used to support this funding opportunity is limited to activities focused on children and adolescents. For immunization rate improvement projects that extend to populations over 18 years of age, we can assess if there are other funding sources available to support adult work. A limitation of a project focused on 317/adult vaccines is the limited supply of 317 vaccine.

8. When will the progress report templates be made available?

The templates will be available no later than the start of the contract on July 1st. We will make every effort to provide copies to local health as soon as we finalize the documents.

9. I am interested in collecting data on immunization rates for our county, to better understand our issues around vaccination rates and to help us understand where our gaps are. Is there a person or resource page I can access for this information?

If your agency has an AFIX reviewer, that person can provide assistance on how to run a coverage rate report for your county. In addition, the links below provide other resources that are available on our webpage:

- [Immunization data](#)
- [Instructions to run a coverage rate report in the IIS](#)
- [Instructional videos](#)