

Strategy 4.4.5: Ensure that all private health insurance adequately reimburses providers for the cost of vaccines and immunization for older adolescents, adults, and the elderly.

Objective 4.5 Improve the Surveillance of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases to Assess the Impact of Immunization Programs

Strategy 4.5.1: Strengthen the capability of State health departments to perform data collection, computerized data entry, and data analysis for use in timely decision making and for management of computer-based surveillance systems for vaccine-preventable diseases.

Strategy 4.5.2: Strengthen Federal agencies' capability to provide technical support, training, and assistance to State health departments for developing, upgrading, and maintaining their computer-based surveillance systems.

Strategy 4.5.3: Enhance the capability of laboratories to rapidly diagnose vaccine-preventable diseases for prompt recognition of disease problems and implementation of specific control measures.

Strategy 4.5.4: Develop methods to reliably assess the efficiency and operational effectiveness of disease surveillance systems.

Objective 4.6 Establish Immunization Registry and Tracking Systems

Strategy 4.6.1: Plan and develop a working model of an immunization registry and tracking system for all children that enables providers to know the immunization status of all new patients at the time of first visits, helps recall patients on scheduled appointments, allows for the rapid assessment of local, regional, and national immunization coverages, and monitors vaccine safety and effectiveness.

Strategy 4.6.2: Plan, develop, implement, and evaluate a model statewide immunization registry and tracking system(s) for all children to serve as a means to provide outreach, tracking, and surveillance as building blocks to a national tracking system.

Strategy 4.6.3: Support development of a national immunization registry and tracking system, based on the above models for local and State systems.

Objective 4.7 Enhance Immunization Coverage to Strengthen National Defense

Strategy 4.7.1: Continue to use routine immunizations to ensure at least 90 percent immunization coverage by the 18th birthday for those entering military service.

Strategy 4.7.2: Encourage development of policies that will facilitate delivery of immunizations of military importance.

Strategy 4.7.3: Facilitate distribution of vaccines to military personnel during national emergencies.

Strategy 4.7.4: Seek legislation to facilitate the use of necessary vaccines during national military emergencies.

Objective 4.8 Enhance Immunization Coverage of International Travelers Who Are at Highest Risk of Acquiring Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

Strategy 4.8.1: Define the populations at highest risk for acquiring vaccine-preventable diseases, and identify and address barriers to their receiving immunizations.