

Division of Community Nutrition

<i>Subject: Immunization Screening & Referral</i>		<i>Policy: CRT 01.1.1</i>
<i>Reference: N / A</i>	<i>Effective: August 12, 2013</i>	<i>Supersedes: August 1, 2008</i>

I. Policy:

Local agencies shall ensure that WIC infants and children up to the age of two are screened and referred for immunizations using a documented immunization history.

II. Procedure(s):

A. When a certification visit is scheduled for a child under the age of two, an applicant is:

- 1) Advised that documented immunization records are needed as part of the WIC certification and health screening process.
- 2) Advised to bring the infant / child's documented immunization records to the certification visit.
- 3) Informed that documented records include but are not limited to the parent's hand-held immunization record, an immunization registry, an automated data system, or a client chart.

B. If an applicant is seeking to enroll an infant / child or infants / children under two years of age:

- 1) S/he is asked to provide a documented record of the infant / child's immunizations to date.
- 2) All participant rights and responsibilities are explained.
- 3) The infant / child's immunization is screened by counting the number of doses of DTaP (diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and a cellular pertussis) vaccines he/she has received in relation to his/her age, according to the following table:
 - a. By 3 months of age, the infant/child should have at least 1 dose of DTaP.
 - b. By 5 months of age, the infant/child should have at least 2 doses of DTaP.
 - c. By 7 months of age, the infant/child should have at least 3 doses of DTaP.
 - d. By 19 months of age, the infant/child should have at least 4 doses of DTaP.

- 4) If the documented immunization record is not provided by the parent / legal guardian or caretaker, information regarding the recommended

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immunization schedule appropriate to the infant / child's current age is provided to the parent / legal guardian or caretaker. The parent / legal guardian or caretaker is encouraged to provide the documented immunization record on his/her next visit.

- 5) When appropriate, the parent / legal guardian / or caretaker is referred to infant / child's usual source of medical care.
- 6) This policy reflects the maximum to be funded by WIC. Local agencies may cover a greater level of screening if performed by non-WIC personnel or if greater level of screening is funded by another source.
- 7) Immunization services funded by WIC only include screening of DTaP in accordance with ADM 03.5 and ADM 03.6.