

Quality Assurance and Improvement for TVFC Responsible Entities (RE)

Quality Assurance and Improvement (QAI) Team



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Agenda

- Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Improvement (QI)
- Compliance Provider Education Assessment and Reporting system (PEAR)
- Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) REDCap
- Program Oversight
- Program Goals



Quality Assurance

Sejal Patel Immunization Unit QAI Team Lead

Purpose of QA

- The purpose of QA is to assess, support, and educate the staff regarding TVFC policies and procedures.
- Provider failure to comply and take corrective action will lead to suspension from program.



Quality Assurance: PEAR

- The Quality Assurance and Improvement (QAI) team uses the PEAR software to document, review, and monitor all TVFC provider site compliance visits.
- PEAR-generated reports are used for quality assurance evaluations of providers' compliance to TVFC programs policies.



Types of QA Visits

- **VFC Compliance Visit:** For Texas, VFC compliance visits occur every 12 months with no less than 11 months in between.
- Unannounced Storage and Handling (USH) Visits: USH visits can occur at any time within the project year as often as a provider needs assistance; however, there must be at least three months between visit types.
- **Enrollment Visit:** All new program provider enrollees receive the enrollment visit. The new program provider can order vaccines only after this enrollment visit is conducted and completed.





Quality Improvement: REDCap

Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP)

Purpose of IQIP

- IQIP seeks to increase on-time vaccination among child and adolescent patients according to the ACIP routine immunization schedule.
- IQIP gives providers technical assistance and four strategies proven to increase vaccine uptake.
- IQIP ensures that providers receive personalized improvement plans, assessments, training, and resources.



Strategies to Increase Vaccine Uptake

The provider will select two of the following components to improve upon:

- Facilitating return for vaccination
- Leveraging IIS functionality to improve immunization practices
- Strengthening vaccine communication
- Giving a strong vaccine recommendation (including HPV)





Quality Assurance: Compliance Processes

Fiona Price, QAI Coordinator

Storage and Handling: Overview

- CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Resources:
 - Visit <u>CDC Healthcare Providers: Vaccine Storage and Handling.</u>
 - Review the <u>CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit January 2023</u>.
- Storage and Handling Practices and Procedures:
 - Food and beverages should <u>never</u> be stored in the unit with vaccines.
 - <u>Do not</u> store any vaccines in a dormitory-style or bar-style combined refrigerator/freezer unit under any circumstances.
 - <u>Never</u> leave a vaccine shipping container unpacked and unattended.



Storage and Handling: Overview (Continued)

- Data Loggers:
 - Recommend different expiration dates for back-up Data Loggers.
 - Maintain Certificates of Calibration and Service Records for all Data Loggers.
- Vaccine Management Plans:
 - Include current clinic information, such as key staff updates, pertinent contacts, and annual updates to vaccine management plans.



Storage and Handling: Temperature Ranges

- **Refrigerators:** Must maintain temperatures between 36.0° F and 46.0° F (2.0° C and 8.0° C).
- **Freezers:** Must maintain temperatures between -58.0° F and +5.0° F (-50.0° C and -15.0° C).





Knowledge Check

Why is storage and handling important?

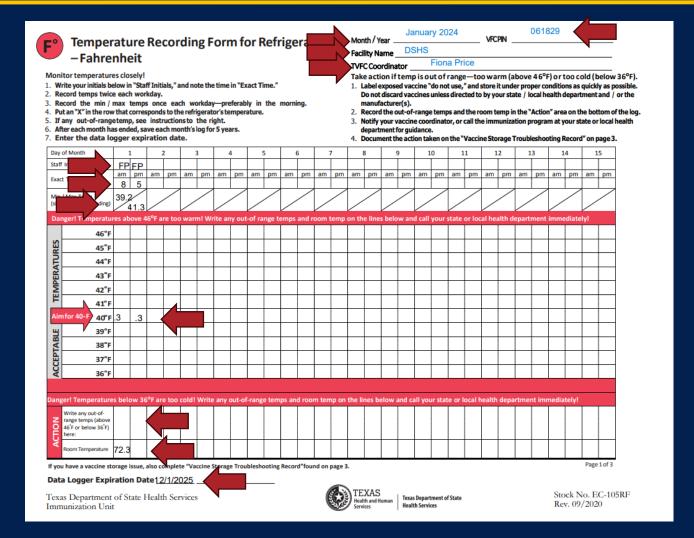
- A. Maintains patient confidence in vaccines and decreases the need for providers revaccinating patients
- B. Prevents financial loss due to wasted vaccines
- C. Ensures vaccine potency
- D. All the above



Temperature Excursions and Logs

Temperature Logs





Temperature Excursions

- 1. Notify
- 2. Document
- 3. Contact
- 4. Correct





Emergency Transport

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Emergency Transport Overview

- Transport for a maximum of 8 hours.
- Transport diluents with their corresponding vaccines.
- Facility should have a sufficient supply of materials.
- The facility must record the temperature throughout all stages of transport.



Emergency Transport Unit Process

Packing Vaccines for Transport during Emergencies

Be ready BEFORE the emergency

Equipment failures, power outages, natural disasters—these and other emergency situations can compromise vaccine storage conditions and damage your vaccine supply. It's critical to have an up-to-date emergency plan with steps you should take to protect your vaccine. In any emergency event, activate your emergency plan immediately. Ideally, vaccine should be transported using a portable vaccine refrigerator or qualified pack-out. However, if these options are not available, you can follow the emergency packing procedures for refrigerated vaccines below:

Gather the Supplies



Hard-sided coolers or Styrofoam™ vaccine shipping containers

- · Coolers should be large enough for your location's typical supply of refrigerated vaccines
- · Can use original shipping boxes from manufacturers if available.
- · Do NOT use soft-sided collapsible coolers.



- · Use 16.9 oz. bottles for medium/large coolers or 8 oz. bottles for small coolers (enough for 2 layers inside cooler).
- · Do NOT reuse coolant packs from original vaccine shipping container, as they increase risk of freezing vaccines.
- · Freeze water bottles (can help regulate the temperature in your freezer).
- · Before use, you must condition the frozen water bottles. Put them in a sink filled with several inches of cool or lukewarm water until you see a layer of water forming near the surface of bottle. The bottle is properly conditioned if ice block inside spins freely when rotated in your hand (this normally takes less than 5 minutes.



sulating material — You will need two of each layer

- Insulating cushioning material Bubble wrap, packing foam, or Styrofoam™ for a layer above and below the vaccines, at least 1 in thick. Make sure it covers the cardboard completely. Do NOT use packing peanuts or other loose material that might shift during transport.
- Corrugated cardboard Two pieces cut to fit interior dimensions of cooler(s) to be placed between insulating cushioning material and conditioned frozen water bottles.



perature monitoring device - Digital data logger (DDL) with buffered probe. Accuracy of +/-1°F (+/-0.5°C) with a current and valid certificate of calibration testing. Pre-chill buffered probe for at least 5 hours in refrigerator. Temperature monitoring device currently stored in refrigerator can be used, as long as there is a device to measure temperatures for any remaining vaccines.

Why do you need cardboard, bubble wrap, and conditioned frozen water bottles? Conditioned frozen water bottles and corrugated cardboard used along with one inch of Insulating cushioning material such as bubble wrap keeps refrigerated vaccines at the right temperature and prevents them from freezing. Reusing vaccine coolant packs from original vaccine shipping containers can freeze and damage refrigerated vaccines.



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Packing Vaccines for Transport during Emergencies

2 Pack for Transport

Conditioning frozen water bottles (this normally takes less than 5 minutes)

- · Put frozen water bottles in sink filled with several inches of cool or lukewarm water or under running tap water until you see a layer of water forming near surface of bottle.
- · The bottle is properly conditioned if ice block inside spins freely when rotated in your hand.
- · If ice "sticks," put bottle back in water for another minute.
- · Dry each bottle.
- . Line the bottom and top of cooler with a single layer of conditioned water bottles.
- · Do NOT reuse coolant packs from original vaccine shipping container.



Conditioned frozen water bottles - Fill the remaining space in the ooler with an additional layer of conditioned frozen water bottles.

Insulating material - Another sheet of cardboard may be needed o support top layer of water bottles.

Insulating cushioning material - Cover vaccines with another 1 in. layer of bubble wrap, packing foam, or Styrofoam™

Vaccines - Add remaining vaccines and diluents to cooler. covering DDL probe.

Temperature monitoring device - When cooler is halfway full, place DDL buffered probe in center of vaccines, but keep DDL display outside cooler until finished loading.

Vaccines - Stack boxes of vaccines and diluents on top of Vaccines, Diluents, and Tempera

thick and must cover cardboard completely).

This pack-out can maintain appropriate temperatures for up to 8 hours, but the container should not be opened or closed

NOTE:

3. Bubble wrap, packing foam, or



packing foam, or Styrofoam™ on top (layer must be at least 1 in. Insulating material - Place 1 sheet of corrugated cardboard over water bottles to cover them completely.

Insulating cushioning material - Place a layer of bubble wrap.

Conditioned frozen water bottles - Line bottom of the cooler with a single layer of conditioned water bottles.

3 Arrive at Destination

Before opening cooler - Record date, time, temperature, and your initials on vaccine temperature log. Storage - Transfer boxes of vaccines quickly to storage refrigerator.

Troubleshooting - If there has been a temperature excursion, contact vaccine manufacturer(s) and/or your immunization program before using vaccines. Label vaccines "Do Not Use" and store at appropriate temperatures until a determination can be made

Emergency Transport: Frozen Vaccines

If frozen vaccines must be transported, use a portable vaccine freezer unit or qualified container and packout that maintains temperatures between -58.0° F and +5.0° F (-50.0° C and -15.0° C).

Steps for transporting frozen vaccines:

- Place a DDL (preferably with a buffered probe) in the container as close as possible to the vaccines.
- Immediately upon arrival at the destination, unpack the vaccines and place them in a freezer at a temperature range between -58.0° F and +5.0°F (-50.0° C and -15.0° C). Any stand-alone freezer that maintains these temperatures is acceptable.



Emergency Transport: Appropriate Materials

Appropriate materials include:

- Portable vaccine refrigerator/freezer units (preferred option)
- Qualified containers and packouts
- Hard-sided insulated containers or Styrofoam (Use in conjunction with the Packing Vaccines for Transport during Emergencies* tool. This system is only to be used in an emergency.)
- Coolant materials such as Phase Change Materials (PCMs) or frozen water bottles that can be conditioned to 39.0° F to 41.0° F (4.0° C to 5.0° C)
- Insulating materials such as bubble wrap and corrugated cardboard with enough to form two layers per container
- Data Logger for each container





COVID-19 Vaccines

Storage, Handling, and Expiration Dates

COVID-19 (Pfizer-BioNTech)

Vaccine storage units and temperature ranges:

- **Ultra-Cold Freezers**: -130° F and -76° F (-90° C and -60° C) until the expiration date
- Refrigerators: 36° F and 46° F (2° C and 8° C) for up to 10 weeks



COVID-19 (Moderna)

Vaccine storage units and temperature ranges (unpunctured vials):

- Freezer: -58° F and 5° F (-50° C and -15° C) until the expiration date
- Refrigerator: 36° F and 46° F (2° C and 8° C) up to 30 days



COVID-19 (Novavax)

Vaccine storage unit and temperature range:

• Refrigerator: 36° F and 46° F (2°C and 8°C) until the expiration date





PEAR Suspension

Emily Lai, QAI Coordinator

Follow-Up Actions

 At the end of every Compliance Site Visit or Storage and Handling Visit, the reviewer will discuss any follow-up actions items with the Primary Vaccine Coordinator (PVC), the Backup Vaccine Coordinator (BVC), and the Signing Clinician (SC). Follow-up action items need to be resolved to avoid Suspension.

Example of Follow-Up Action Items after a Compliance or Storage and Handling Site Visit:

REQUIRED FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

Below is a list of actions that are required to be taken as a result of your recent site visit. This list, along with a timeline for completion, is intended to support your office/clinic with successfully implementing the VFC Program. Please also review the full list of 2022-2023 VFC Compliance Visit Requirements & Recommendations at the end of this document.

1. VACCINE ADMINISTRATION FEE

The VFC provider's vaccine administration fee for non-Medicaid, VFC-eligible children must not exceed the state/territory vaccine administration fee cap established by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). For current fee caps, refer to www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-11-06/pdf/2012-26507.pdf.

Due Date: 02/22/2022
 Required Action: In accordance with CDC Requirements,
 submit documentation for an established vaccine administration
 fee charged to non-Medicaid, VFC-eligible patients



Compliance Follow-up Action items

Overdue: Follow-up action items that have NOT been resolved by the due date post site visit



Content Area: Displays the section of the PEAR Reviewers Guide where compliance question and direction is found

Follow-up Type: Immediate Action item is a non-compliant action that site reviewer must correct with the provider at the time of visit.

Reviewer Action Completed on: Date entered by site reviewer for an immediate action item **OR** by the Responsible Entity (RE) if the due date is at later time

FOLLOW-UP AC ON LIST TABLE

Add or **Provider Action Reviewer Action Due Date Content Area** Follow-up Type **Action Details** Add or Edit Follow-up Source View Completed on: Completed on: Attachment 09/13/2023 VACCINE Immediate Action Provide a copy of the immunization program Vaccine N/A 9/13/2023 Add CDC Add follow-up MANAGEMENT Management Plan and/or Vaccine Emergency Plan Attachment PLAN templates. 10/13/2023 VACCINE Document Review Provider - One month: Submit updated and complete CDC 10/6/2023 10/6/2023 Add follow-up Add MANAGEMENT Vaccine Management Plan. Attachment PLAN Add Additional Instruction

Due Date: Date the non-compliant action item from site visit is due

Follow-up Type: Document Review item is a non-compliant action that the RE must correct with the provider before the due date. **Action Details:** Displays the non-compliant item and the direction to correct the program infraction

Provider Action
Completed on: Date
provider sent supportive
documents to resolve noncompliant item

Area for RE to add attachment to show the proof of resolved noncompliant item

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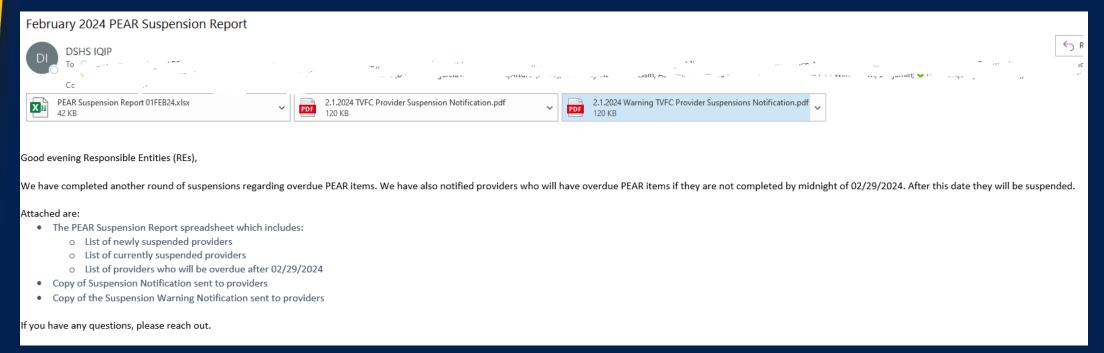
Knowledge Check

How soon do you recommend that a provider complete action items that are outstanding?

- A. One week before the due date
- B. As soon as possible, even if the due date is six months away
- C. One day before the due date
- D. Two weeks before the due date

PEAR Suspension Email Sent to REs After Completion of a PEAR Suspension Round







PEAR Suspension Report

PEAR Suspension Reports are generated on the first business day of each month to reflect:

PINs that have overdue PEAR follow-up items, which will appear as suspended.
 They will receive a suspension notice.

Suspension Notice:

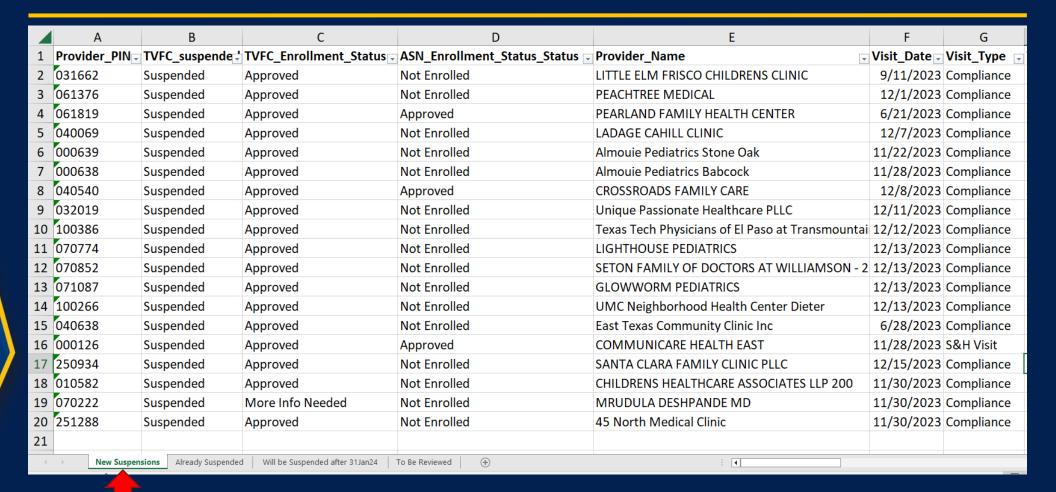
Your TVFC Program Site is currently in non-compliance

• PINs that have PEAR follow-up items that are due in the current month of the suspension report. They will receive a warning notice.

Warning Notice:

Your TVFC Program Site will soon be out of compliance

PEAR Suspension Report: "New Suspensions" Tab





Suspension Notice

A Suspension Notice is sent to newly suspended providers.



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Suspension Notice:

Your TVFC Program Site is currently in non-compliance

January 2, 2024

Dear Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Provider,

Clinic Name: «Provider Name» PIN: «Provider PIN»

Thank you for your participation in the TVFC Program and completing your site visit.

Our records indicate that your facility currently has overdue follow-up activities from your recent TVFC Program Compliance or Storage & Handling site visit in PEAR database that have not been addressed before December 31, 2023, deadline. Organizations with overdue follow-up activities are non-compliant per TVFC Program policies. Therefore, your organization is suspended after this date until all overdue follow-up activities are completed. Your facility will not be allowed to order more TVFC vaccine while you are under suspension status.

As a TVFC Program provider, your organization is responsible for ensuring that you maintain compliance with all TVFC Program policies. Please work with your TVFC Program Responsible Entity (RE) to complete all follow-up activities and get your facility back in compliance with the TVFC Program, as outlined in the 2023 TVFC and ASN Provider Manual.

To reduce vaccine preventable diseases in Texas, it is our mission at DSHS to maintain as many TVFC Program providers as possible. It is equally important to ensure TVFC Program enrolled providers administer properly stored vaccines and adhere to all the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and TVFC Program guidelines and policies.

For any additional questions concerning program compliance, please contact the Texas Department of State Health Services Central Office at IQIP@dshs.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

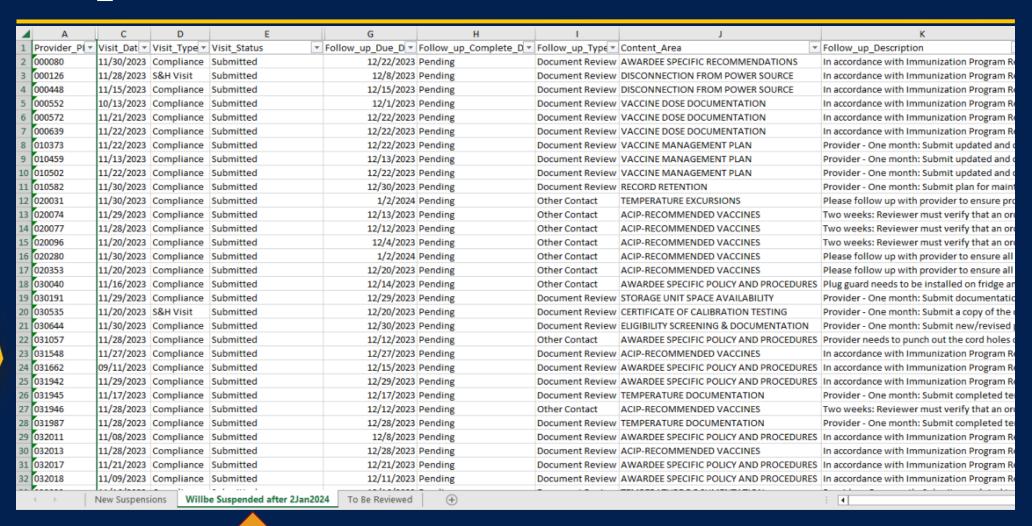
Crystal Mena

Crystal Mena, Manager Vaccine Operations Unit - IQIP/Quality Assurance and Improvement Immunizations Program Texas Department of State Health Services 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756



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PEAR Suspension Report: "Will be Suspended" Tab





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Suspension Warning Notice

A Suspension Warning Notice is sent to providers who have follow-up action items due by the end of the month.

Warning Notice:

Your TVFC Program Site will soon be out of compliance

January 2, 2024

Dear Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Provider,

Clinic Name: «Provider_Name» PIN: «Provider_PIN»

Thank you for your participation in the TVFC Program and completing your site visit.

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Our records indicate that your facility will have overdue follow-up activities from your recent TVFC Program Compliance or Storage & Handling site visit in the PEAR database. You have until midnight of **January 31, 2024,** to complete these items. Organizations with overdue follow-up activities are non-compliant per TVFC Program policies. Therefore, your organization will be suspended after this date until all overdue follow-up activities are completed. During this suspension, your organization will not be allowed to order TVFC vaccine.

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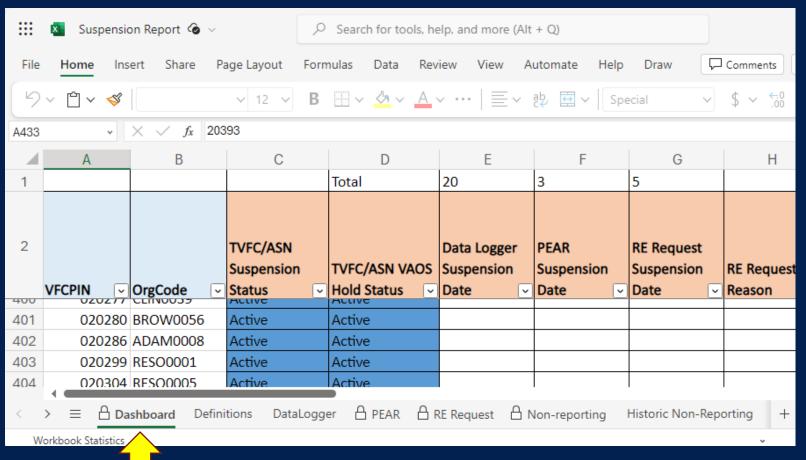
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Suspension Status Tracker

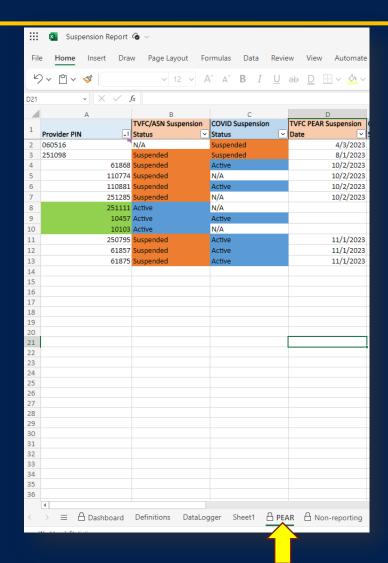
Review the Suspension Status Tracker: Suspension Report in Sharepoint.





Suspension Status Tracker: PEAR Tab



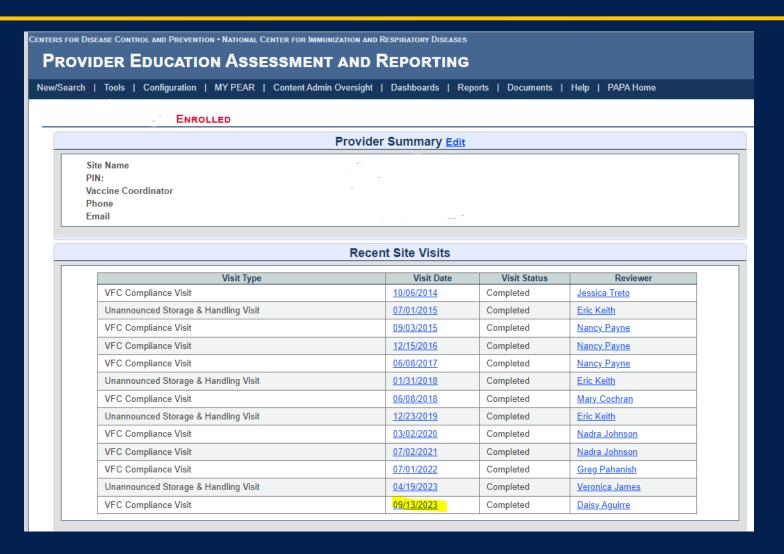




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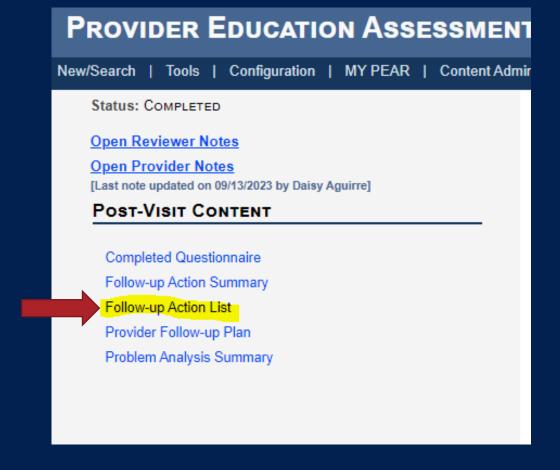
Resolving PEAR Suspensions

Resolving PEAR Suspension: Step One





Resolving PEAR Suspension: Step Two





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Resolving PEAR Suspension: Step Three



FOLLOW-UP ACTION LIST TABLE								SAVE
Due Date	Content Area	Follow-up Type	Action Details	Source	Provider Action Completed on:	Reviewer Action Completed on:	Add or Edit Follow-up	Add or View Attachment
09/13/2023	VACCINE	Immediate Action	Provide a copy of the immunization program Vaccine	CDC	N/A	9/13/2023	Add follow-up	Add
]	MANAGEMENT	1	Management Plan and/or Vaccine Emergency Plan	'	'			Attachment
J	PLAN	1	templates.					
10/13/2023	VACCINE	Document Review	Provider - One month: Submit updated and complete	CDC	10/6/2023	10/6/2023	Add follow-up	Add
	MANAGEMENT		Vaccine Management Plan.	/				Attachment
	PLAN		Add Additional Instruction					4 1

Resolving PEAR Suspension: Step Four



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Resolving PEAR Suspension: Step Five



FOLLOW-UP SUMMARY						
Question	Content Area (Click link to view requirement)	Follow-up Status	Issue Resolution Status	Comment: (Only required if escalated)		
3.6	VACCINE MANAGEMENT PLAN	Completed	Resolved V			

Resolving PEAR Suspension: Step Six



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Submit Completed Follow-up Plan

Edit Reviewer Guide (Expires: 2/5/2024)

Open Reviewer Notes

Open Provider Notes

[Last note updated on 01/23/2024 by Tiffany Guillory]

POST-VISIT CONTENT

Completed Questionnaire

Follow-up Action Summary

Follow-up Action List

Provider Follow-up Plan

Problem Analysis Summary

Steps to Resolve PEAR Suspension (continued)

- 1. RE will address all overdue follow-up action items with provider.
- 2. Enter in completion dates for each follow-up action item (do not change dates of immediate action items).
- 3. Email your assigned QAI Coordinator and CC IQIP@dshs.Texas.gov to report completion of overdue follow-up action items.
- 4. The appropriate QAI team member will verify and unsuspend PIN as appropriate, notifying the RE and the provider.



Central Office QAI Coordinators



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2/3	Emily Lai	Emily.Lai@dshs.texas.gov
6/5S	Angelica Morales	Angelica.Morales@dshs.texas.gov
7 and 9/10	Minh Tri Dinh	MinhTri.Dinh@dshs.texas.gov
8, SAMHD	Danielle Orbach	Danielle.Orbach@dshs.texas.gov
11	Fiona Price	Fiona.Price@dshs.texas.gov



Knowledge Check

Who do you contact after all the overdue follow-up action items have been resolved?

- A. Consultant Team: <u>VacCallCenter@dshs.texas.gov</u>
- B. Assigned QAI Coordinator and CC QAI Team IQIP@dshs.texas.gov
- C. <u>ImmTrac2@dshs.texas.gov</u>
- D. TMF: <u>VFCTeam@tmf.org</u>



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Compliance Progress Update

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Number of Compliance Visits

Regions	PY1	PY2	PY3	PY4	PY5
PHR 1	68	110	132	137	48
PHR 2/3	408	511	601	548	235
PHR 4/5N	133	137	186	178	48
PHR 6/5S	219	583	536	251	106
PHR 7	183	251	299	298	82
PHR 8	215	260	284	161	30
PHR 9/10	154	159	197	191	72
PHR 11	247	338	389	361	124
Grand Total	1,627	2,349	2,624	2,457	1,059



Current as of Jan. 8, 2024

PEAR Incomplete Follow-up Actions

Regions	PY1	PY2	PY3	PY4
PHR 1	0	0	0	0
PHR 2/3	1	2	0	0
PHR 4/5N	0	2	0	0
PHR 6/5S	1	0	1	0
PHR 7	0	0	0	0
PHR 8	4	0	0	1
PHR 9/10	0	0	0	0
PHR 11	1	0	1	0
Grand Total	7	4	2	2

Current as of Jan. 8, 2024



Current Number of Overdue Compliance Visits



Regions	PY5 Overdue
PHR 1	1
PHR 2/3	0
PHR 4/5N	0
PHR 6/5S	4
PHR 7	3
PHR 8	0
PHR 9/10	3
PHR 11	0
Grand Total	13
Current as of Jan. 8, 2024	

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Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP)

Danielle Orbach, QAI Coordinator

IQIP Cycle



Site visit

- Provider's vaccination workflow is observed, and initial coverage is reviewed
- QI strategies are selected
- Technical assistance is provided by the IQIP consultant
- Action items are chosen for strategy implementation plan

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Two and six month check-ins

- Progress toward strategy implementation is reviewed
- Technical assistance is provided by the IQIP consultant
- Strategy implementation plan is updated

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12-month follow-up

- Progress toward strategy implementation is reviewed
- Technical assistance is provided by the IQIP consultant
- Year-over-year coverage change is reviewed

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IQIP Core Strategies

IQIP involves four core immunization strategies:

- 1. Facilitate return for vaccination
- 2. Leverage Immunization Information System (IIS) functionality to improve immunization practices
- 3. Strengthen vaccine communication
- 4. Give a strong vaccine recommendation

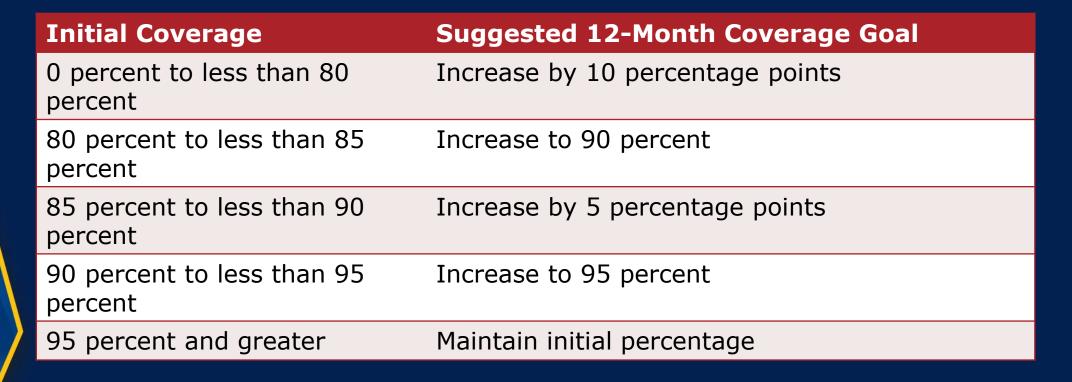


IQIP Coverage Assessment Rates

- Coverage Assessment Rates are sent out via a monthly report.
 - Report will show patient population compared to percentage of population that is vaccinated for each respective vaccine.
 - · Report will cover a years' worth of rates.
 - Report will show rates for childhood vaccines and adolescent vaccines.





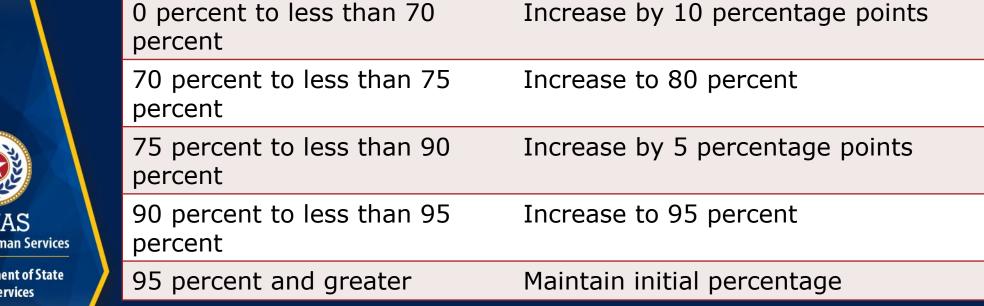






Suggested 12-Month Coverage Goal

Initial Coverage







Knowledge Check

Which of these is ALWAYS chosen as one of the four core Quality Improvement strategies?

- A. Strengthen vaccine communications
- B. Leverage ImmTrac2 functionality to improve immunization practice
- C. Give a strong vaccine recommendation (including HPV vaccine)
- D. Facilitate return for vaccination



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IQIP Progress Update

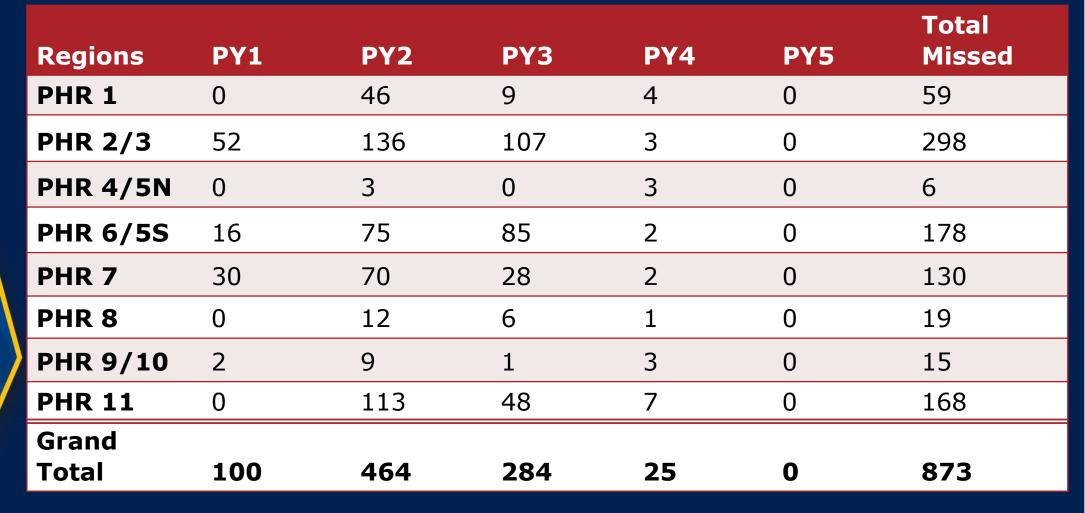
Total Number of IQIP Visits

Regions	PY1	PY2	PY3	PY4	PY5
PHR 1	75	162	69	54	23
PHR 2/3	273	405	389	257	130
PHR 4/5N	72	100	129	73	29
PHR 6/5S	153	287	257	110	35
PHR 7	149	253	114	180	43
PHR 8	30	70	84	72	15
PHR 9/10	87	95	132	93	36
PHR 11	227	389	194	183	59
Grand Total	1066	1761	1368	1104	445

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Missed IQIP Visits







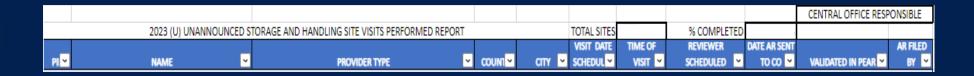
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Program Oversight and Report Review

Sejal Patel, QAI Team Lead

Public Tracking Spreadsheet

- All public site compliance visits must be conducted by REs.
- Unannounced Storage and Handling (USH) visits must be conducted on all provider types in at least 10 percent of clinics by REs.
- PHR managers and designated REs must update the Public Weekly Tracking Spreadsheet.
- Review the <u>Public Weekly Tracking Spreadsheet</u>.





PEAR Overdue and Outstanding Reports

- **Overdue**: Follow-up action items that have <u>not</u> been resolved by the due date post site visit. The provider will get suspended if these are not resolved by the end of the month.
- **Outstanding**: All the follow-up action items that have <u>not</u> been resolved irrespective of the due date.



Suspension Report

The PEAR Suspension Report Spreadsheet includes:

- A list of newly suspended providers.
- A list of currently suspended providers.
- A list of providers who will be overdue and suspended after the next 30 days if action items are not completed.



Vaccine Waste Report

The Vaccine Waste Report is uploaded to the IQIP Group SharePoint page and emailed to TMF (DSHS Contractors) and REs:

- The vaccine waste data for each provider is discussed at compliance visits.
- The data in this report can be used by REs to reach out to providers to prevent future loss.

The Waste Suspension Report Spreadsheet includes:

- A list of providers with corresponding vaccine waste details.
- Vaccine waste data from previous 12 months.



Reviewing TMF Reports

Monthly reports from TMF (DSHS Contractors):

- Temp excursions
- Out-of-range temp excursions
- Expired vaccines or within 90 days
- Overcrowding
- Borrowing
- Nonfunctional data logger
- Dorm style unit with vaccines onsite
- Thermometer probe on the unit wall (permanent)
- Missing emergency supplies



TMF Site Visit Report

- TMF emails the "Site Visit Report" report on a weekly basis.
- The "Site Visit Report" shows completed and scheduled site visits.
- The report is used by regions to determine which provider PINs need their site visit reviewed and completed in PEAR system.
- The TMF Site Visit Report helps region determine future workload for REs.
- The TMF Site Visit Report is an oversight tool for timely completion of compliance visits for private providers.



PEAR Compliance Visit: Action Items

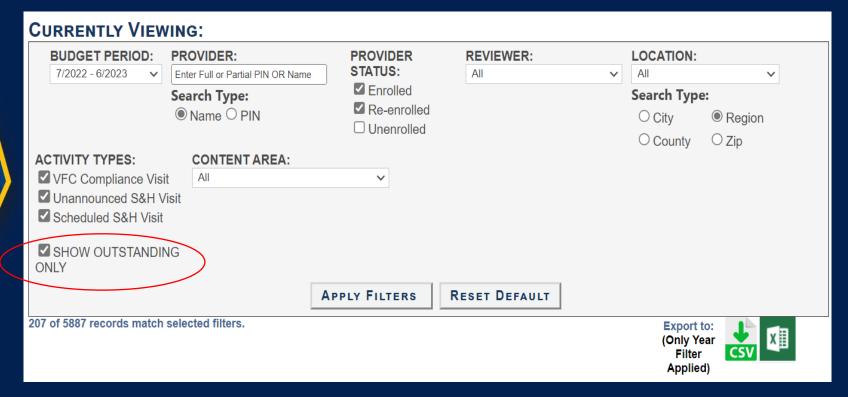
- PEAR Compliance Action Items are the RE's responsibility.
- If Compliance Actions Items cannot be completed by the assigned LHD or RE, the PHR Manager will be responsible for completing or delegating the Compliance Actions Items appropriately.



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PEAR Compliance Visit: Action Items (Continued)

- PEAR: Reports→ Follow-up Action Details→ Filter appropriately and select "Apply Filter"
- TMF sends the "Site Visit List" weekly to PHR Managers and listed Regional IQIP Consultants.





Helpful PEAR Reports

- All Visits and Contacts Report
- Providers with Fewer than 10 Records Report
- Top 10 Non-Compliance Issues Report
- Certificate of Calibration Overview Report
- Follow-up Action Details Report





Knowledge Check

How often should you check, review, or pull reports for overdue and outstanding action items?

- A. Once a year
- B. Once a quarter
- C. Once a month
- D. Once a week



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Program Objectives 2024

Sejal Patel, QAI Team Lead

QAI Program Objectives Achieved

- Update of the QAI Website, the Program Quick Guide (One-Pager), and the IQIP Manual
- Creation of the PEAR Manual
- IQIP cycle completion certificate for providers
- Closer collaboration with our REs and Providers, including monthly trainings for REs
- Quarterly individual region check-in meetings
- Collaboration and feedback on provider surveys
- Improved response of post site visit surveys to TMF and REs



2024 QAI Program Objectives and Goals (1 of 3)

- PEAR QA Scores: Average increase 96 percent
- PEAR Overdues: Decrease to Single Digits
- Create Compliance and IQIP trainings for providers
- IQIP: Decrease Lost to Follow-Up (LTFU) and skipped visits
- IQIP: Check-in accuracy and completion on time



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2024 QAI Program Objectives and Goals (2 of 3)

• BY4 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

Check-In & Follow-Up Status

sub1	Complete			Incomplete				
Stage	Early	Late	On Time	COVID-	LTFU	Not	Overdue	Overdue
				19		Overdue	(Still Time)	(Too Late)
2-Month		88	938	5	34			21
6-Month		59	749	1	54	188	33	2
12-Month	1	14	167	1	61	838	4	



2024 QAI Program Objectives and Goals (3 of 3)

• BY5 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)

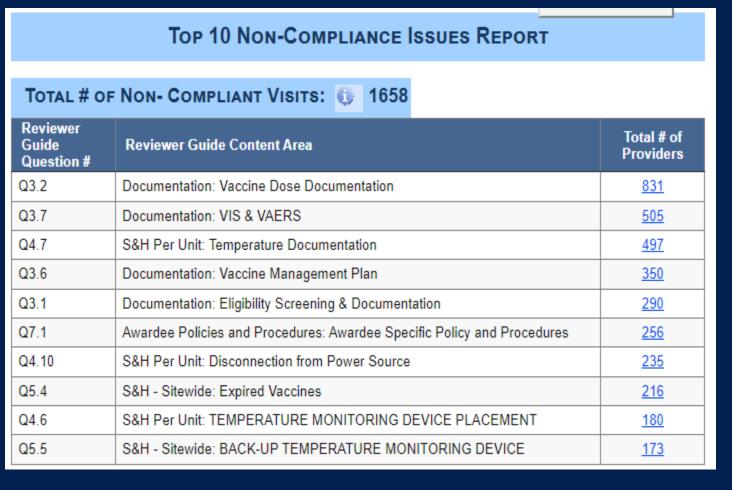
Check-In & Follow-Up Status

sub1	Complete		Incomplete			
Stage	Late	On Time	LTFU	Not	Overdue	
				Overdue	(Still Time)	
2-Month	7	149	1	196	12	
6-Month			3	362		
12-Month			3	362		



PEAR Non-Compliant Issues (1 of 3)

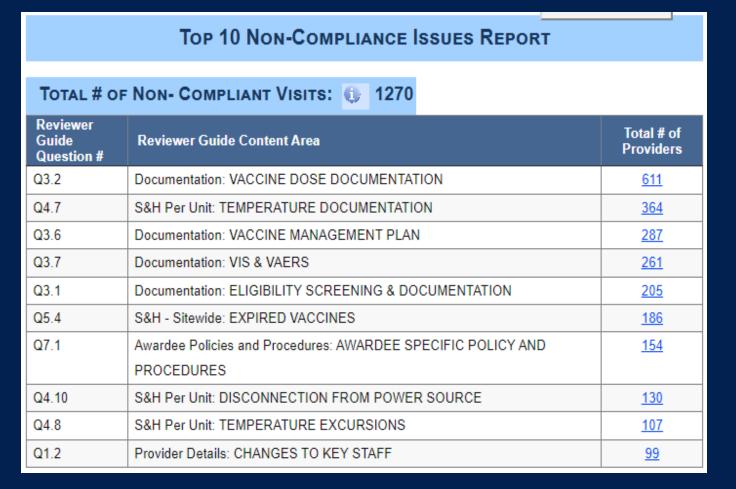
• BY3 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)





PEAR Non-Compliant Issues (2 of 3)

• BY4 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)





PEAR Non-Compliant Issues (3 of 3)

BY5 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)

Top 10 Non-Compliance Issues Report

TOTAL # OF NON- COMPLIANT VISITS: 6. 430



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Reviewer Guide Question #	Reviewer Guide Content Area	Total # of Providers			
Q3.2	Documentation: VACCINE DOSE DOCUMENTATION	<u>183</u>			
Q3.6	Documentation: VACCINE MANAGEMENT PLAN	<u>100</u>			
Q3.7	Documentation: VIS & VAERS	<u>92</u>			
Q4.7	S&H Per Unit: TEMPERATURE DOCUMENTATION	<u>92</u>			
Q6.2	Inventory: ACIP-RECOMMENDED VACCINES	<u>63</u>			
Q3.1	Documentation: ELIGIBILITY SCREENING & DOCUMENTATION	<u>58</u>			
Q5.4	S&H - Sitewide: EXPIRED VACCINES	<u>52</u>			
Q7.1	Awardee Policies and Procedures: AWARDEE SPECIFIC POLICY AND PROCEDURES	<u>49</u>			
Q1.2	Provider Details: CHANGES TO KEY STAFF	<u>31</u>			
Q4.8	S&H Per Unit: TEMPERATURE EXCURSIONS	<u>29</u>			



2024 Training

- Annual training for providers
- Enrollment site visit training
- Consistent RE training
- Semi-annual virtual site visit training
- Annual in-person training for each region



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IQIP/QAI Team Inbox

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Thank you!