

The Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) Program

The IQIP program promotes and supports the implementation of provider level quality improvement (QI) strategies within the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) program.

IQIP process

IQIP is a 12-month process where program representatives and TVFC providers collaborate to identify QI strategies to increase on-time ACIP-recommended vaccine uptake.

Site Visit

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

Two-and six-month follow up

- Progress toward strategy implementation is reviewed
- Technical assistance is provided by the IQIP consultant
- SIP is reviewed and updated

12-month follow up

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

IQIP four core strategies

As part of the IQIP process, the SIP focuses on four strategies designed to increase vaccine uptake in your facility.

Each strategy includes provider and consultant designed action items, technical assistance, and resources to achieve a successful IQIP cycle.

1. Facilitate return for vaccination
2. Leverage IIS functionality to improve immunization practice
3. Give a strong vaccine recommendation
4. Strengthen vaccination communications

Benefits of IQIP

QI strategies such as IQIP analyze processes and use a systematic approach to improve performance. Like other QI programs, the IQIP program is based on these basic steps:

- State the problem and desired result
- Use data to understand the problem
- Identify strategies for improvement
- Implement strategies and refine as needed
- Evaluate outcome

To learn more about becoming a TVFC program provider, visit: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/providers>

For any questions regarding IQIP/QA process please email: IQIP@dshs.texas.gov

