

New Hampshire WIC Policy & Procedure Manual

Chapter 8 CERTIFICATION, ELIGIBILITY & COORDINATION OF SERVICES

C. Health Care Agreements, Eligibility & Coordination of Services

	Coordination with NH Immunization Program
Purpose	To screen and refer all children aged 24 months and younger for appropriate immunizations, as recommended by the NH Immunization Program and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
Policy	The Local Agency shall provide immunization record screening, education and appropriate referrals for all children up to 24 months according to the most current CDC Childhood Immunization Schedule.
Authority	NH State Plan
Procedure	<p>Parents/Guardians/Caregivers with children less than 24 months of age are requested to bring the child's immunization record to all the certification and mid-certification appointments.</p> <p>Staff shall explain to parents the importance that WIC places on assuring that children are up-to-date on immunizations, although it is not a mandatory part of the certification process. Neither WIC food benefits nor other WIC benefits will be withheld or reduced due to non-compliance.</p> <p>The immunization record shall be screened at all visits for children younger than 24 months and documented in StarLINC on the immunization screen. Documentation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Status: Current for Age, Behind for Age or Record Not Available• If Behind: In Process/ Upcoming Appt, Referred, Shot Provided, Other <p>If the child is not up-to-date on immunizations, WIC staff shall encourage the parent to contact their health care provider and also provide information on low-cost/free immunization clinics in the area.</p> <p>Staff shall attend or coordinate a training from the NH State Immunization Program on a regular basis, particularly when there are changes to the recommended childhood immunization schedule.</p> <p>The State Agency, in coordination with the NH Immunization Program, will be responsible for assuring all local WIC agencies are notified of the most current childhood immunization schedule as approved by the NH Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community and Public Health. Notification will be sent via email.</p>
Exception	No Exception
Best Practice	To screen all children up to the age of 5 years.