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State Laws

Visit the Immunization Action Coalition for a list of state immunization laws at: www.immunize.org/laws

CHAPTER IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES

Legislation

The Massachusetts chapter of the AAP regularly reviews immunization-related legislation and collaborates with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Program (MIP) on vaccine-related issues. As part of the Fiscal Year 2006 State Budget process, the chapter successfully worked to increase funding by \$4 million for the Universal Immunization Program to enable the purchase and distribution of the new Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine and the Tdap Vaccine

State-specific Issues

The Massachusetts Chapter works closely with the MIP, which funds the MCAAP Immunization Initiative. To name a few:

- The Immunization Initiative holds quarterly meetings of its Advisory Committee.
- A committee on vaccine purchasing strategies provides input and advice to the MIP on issues of vaccine purchasing policies.
- Sponsors and holds Pediatric Immunization CME programs in hospitals and on-site programs in pediatric offices around the state.
- Publishes the ShotClock, a news letter for providers that includes general and local immunization information.
- Supports the development of a state immunization registry.
- Co-sponsors with the MIP an annual state immunization conference.
- Works with the Chapters Pediatric Council communicating with the payers on their immunization benefits policies.
- Surveys MCOs and publishes summary of their responses on issues related to reimbursement for immunizations.
- The MCAAP Immunization Initiative is spearheading a statewide initiative to establish a permanent funding mechanism to assure universal distribution of all recommended vaccines to all of Mass' children.

2005 National Immunization Survey, estimated vaccine coverage (4:3:1:3:3:1 series) among children aged 19-35 months in Massachusetts = 86%

