

Immunization Coverage Assessment**Policy No. CT- 820.03**

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Policy

Local agencies (LA) must screen WIC infants and children's immunization status at every certification and midyear assessment. Infants and children due for immunization must be referred to a physician or immunization clinic.

Purpose

To increase Georgia immunization rates and improve the health of infants and children residing in Georgia.

Procedures

- I. Use Georgia Registry Immunization Tracking System (GRITS) or the participant's immunization record to assess immunization status.
- II. Utilize the current recommended [CDC immunization schedule](#) when reviewing an immunization record.
- III. Ask participants to bring their immunization record to their next certification appointment for review if an applicant's/participant's immunization status is not available.
- IV. Refer to the District Immunization Coordinator or designated staff for tracking and follow-up if the parent/caretaker of the infant/child fails to bring immunization records to the local agency for two (2) consecutive visits.
- V. Provide information on the recommended immunization schedule, such as the child's individualized GRITS report or recommended immunization guidelines available from CDC.

Authority

O.C.G.A. § 31-12-3.1, *The Georgia Immunization Registry Law*

7 CFR § 246.7(b)

Definitions/Supporting Information

GRITS – The Georgia Registry Immunization Tracking System (GRITS) is a computerized state-wide registry for immunization records. GRITS is designed to collect and maintain accurate, complete and current vaccination records to promote effective and cost-efficient disease prevention and control.