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 statewide 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.