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INFORMATION REQUEST

Topic: WIC Program

Request Date: October 31, 2019

Information Requested:

We are looking to strengthen our relationship with the Minnesota WIC program. If you interact with your jurisdiction's WIC program, what does the relationship entail? What barriers have you faced to a relationship with WIC?

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Results:

ND:

Our program manager has had a couple of conversations with WIC about immunizations and they have given us a list of their WIC enrolled participants that I am working on analyzing coverage rates for. We have seen the most success with local public health units and IHS working with their local WIC to get the WIC staff to look up immunization records and run the forecast in the NDIIS. If mom or baby need anything, they send them directly to the health unit or IHS for vaccines before they leave.

PR:

We held several meetings with WIC and made an agreement between programs, which was signed by both parties. Then WIC sent us the list of personnel that we should train, which we trained. The agreement was WIC staff will evaluate the vaccination card every time the child goes through their clinic. They will enter into the system the vaccines that are missing and will refer to the vaccination card for those who lack them.

SC:

The South Carolina immunization program has been working with WIC on a QI project to help increase immunization rates. We chose a health department and worked with the WIC, Immunization and Administrative staff to identify the current process and identify how we could integrate the two programs.



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In doing so, we now have the WIC program working nicely with the Immunization staff at that clinic. We are hoping to expand this to other health departments in the state at some point in time, but with our new IIS implementation and our hepatitis A outbreak, we have been delayed in doing so. I would suggest if you have a QI staff member in your state that you involve them in the process. It helped us to go through the process mapping and PDSA cycle to make meaningful change.