

Strategy 4.1.2: Ensure, through an expanded national vaccine stockpile, a continuing supply of commonly used vaccines in case production is interrupted by fire, natural disasters, labor disputes, production problems, etc.

Strategy 4.1.3: Evaluate the need for Federal legislation for addressing supply emergencies.

Objective 4.2 Increase Immunization Coverage Levels for Infants and Children

Strategy 4.2.1: Ensure universal access to immunization services for infants and children.

Strategy 4.2.2: Improve the delivery of immunization services through implementation of the “Action Plan to Improve Access to Immunization Services” developed by the Interagency Committee on Immunization, the Immunization Action Plans developed by State and local immunization programs, the National Vaccine Advisory Committee’s (NVAC’S) “Standards for Pediatric Immunization Practices,” and the NVAC recommendations contained in the report “State and Local Impediments to Immunization Services: Recommendations and Strategies for Action” (National Vaccine Advisory Committee, 1994a).

Strategy 4.2.3: Involve communities in improving preschool immunization coverage levels.

Strategy 4.2.4: Measure immunization coverage to assess immunization services.

Strategy 4.2.5: Reduce financial, sociocultural, and logistical barriers to immunization, and integrate immunization services with primary health care and with social services programs.

Strategy 4.2.6: Design special outreach efforts for populations at risk of underimmunization.

Strategy 4.2.7: Continue to study and evaluate the current vaccination delivery system, and develop and implement strategies to ensure the capacity to deliver vaccines through an adequate number of providers and a sustainable public health infrastructure.

Objective 4.3 Maintain Immunization Coverage Levels for School-Aged Children

Strategy 4.3.1: Make sure all vaccines routinely recommended for children are mandated through State immunization laws and that the laws are adequately enforced,

Strategy 4.3.2: Design special outreach efforts for populations at risk of underimmunization

Objective 4.4 Increase Immunization Coverage Levels Among Older Adolescents, Adults, and the Elderly

Strategy 4.4.1: Evaluate the current immunization delivery systems that serve older adolescents, adults, and the elderly. Identify steps to strengthen these systems to ensure that preventive and primary health care services and systems incorporate immunization for these age groups as a standard of care, in accordance with the NVAC report, “Adult Immunization” (National Vaccine Advisory Committee, 1994b).

Strategy 4.4.2: Ensure that the health care system has the capability to deliver vaccines to older adolescents, adults, and the elderly.

Strategy 4.4.3: Design special outreach efforts for populations at risk of underimmunization.

Strategy 4.4.4: Ensure availability of adequate financing mechanisms to support the expanded delivery of vaccines to older adolescents, adults, and the elderly.