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PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: Community Action Partnership Head Start will comply with child care immunization requirements indicating all children be up to date on immunizations or have claimed exemption within 30 days of entry into the Head Start Program. The program must also ensure the child is up to date on immunization recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) within 90 calendar days after the child first attends the program.

Per North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services:

Minimum Number of Doses Required by Age

2-3 Months

- 1st Dose Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B)
- 1st Dose IPV (Polio)
- 1st Dose PCV (Pneumococcal)
- 1st Dose DTaP/DT Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis)

4-5 Months

- 2nd Dose Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B)
- 2nd Dose IPV (Polio)
- 2nd Dose PCV (Pneumococcal)
- 2nd Dose DTaP/DT Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis)

6-7 Months

- 3rd Dose Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B) ONLY if needed based on dose series
- 3rd Dose IPV (Polio) *Can get between 6-18 months
- 3rd Dose PCV (Pneumococcal)
- 3rd Dose DTaP/DT Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis)

12-17 Months

- 1st Dose MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella)
- 1st Dose Varicella (Chickenpox)
- 3rd or 4th Dose Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B)
- 3rd Dose IPV (Polio) *Can get between 6-18 months
- 4th Dose PCV (Pneumococcal)
- 4th Dose DTaP/DT Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis) *15-18 months

4-6 Years

- 2nd Dose MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella)
- 2nd Dose Varicella (Chickenpox)

- 4th Dose IPV (Polio)
- 5th Dose DTaP/DT Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis)

Children may be exempt from immunization requirements for the following reasons: Medical Exemption, History of Disease, or Personal Belief or Religious Belief. The Head Start program must have a completed Certificate of Immunization and/or Exemption form on file from the parent/guardian. In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, exemption children may be subject to exclusion from any Head Start program option or activity for the duration of the outbreak. The program will work with the local health unit to determine specific situations.

When a child is unable to get an immediate appointment for immunizations, the parent will provide Head Start with a record of the child's upcoming appointment, either by bringing it in to the center or having the clinic fax it to the center. The child may attend the center or home visits will continue during the original 30 days of the parent/guardian working to get the child up to date on their immunizations. If the child misses the scheduled appointment for any reason, that child will be excluded from the program until the immunizations have been received. If chronic absenteeism persists (the child has been absent from the center or has not made a visit with their home visitor for 30 days) the child's slot must be considered an enrollment vacancy.