

INTRODUCTION TO AFIX

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AGENDA ITEMS

- ▶ Provide overview of AFIX
- ▶ Discuss general timeline for AFIX process
- ▶ Resource Guide



AFIX is a continuous quality improvement process launched in 1993 to improve immunization service delivery. CDC assesses immunization coverage rates and effectiveness of evidence based strategies for VFC-enrolled providers.

State immunization programs are required to :

- ▶ Conduct AFIX activities and
- ▶ Enter data into CDC's AFIX Online Tool.

ASSESSMENT

Assist providers with identifying strengths and making data-based decisions to improve immunization coverage levels and decrease missed vaccination opportunities through:

- ▶ Quantitative evaluation of immunization rates through VacTrAK
- ▶ Qualitative assessment of a practice's immunization protocols
 - ▶ AFIX Visit Questionnaire
 - ▶ Clinical Practice Survey

FEEDBACK

Discuss the assessment findings to:

- ▶ Utilize the results to create quality improvement strategies.
- ▶ Develop a quality improvement action plan.

Quality Improvement Action Plan Template

Quality Improvement Strategy	Action Steps	Point Person	Resources	Time Frame	Completion Date	Internal Review Date(s)	Initial eXchange (Follow-up) Date
<i>Example:</i> Develop a reminder/recall process for the practice	<i>Example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designate an immunization champion to lead and coordinate the reminder/recall efforts. • Develop reminder/recall policies and procedures • Utilize the IIS to run and send reminder/recall notifications to patients • Schedule the next vaccination visit before the patients/parents leave the office 	<i>Example:</i> Immunization Champion: John Doe	<i>Example:</i> Access to the IIS reminder/recall feature	<i>Example:</i> 3 months 3/16-6/16	<i>Example:</i> 06/12/2015	<i>Example:</i> 06/16/2015	<i>Example:</i> 09/15/2015

INCENTIVES

Recognize and reward improved performance:

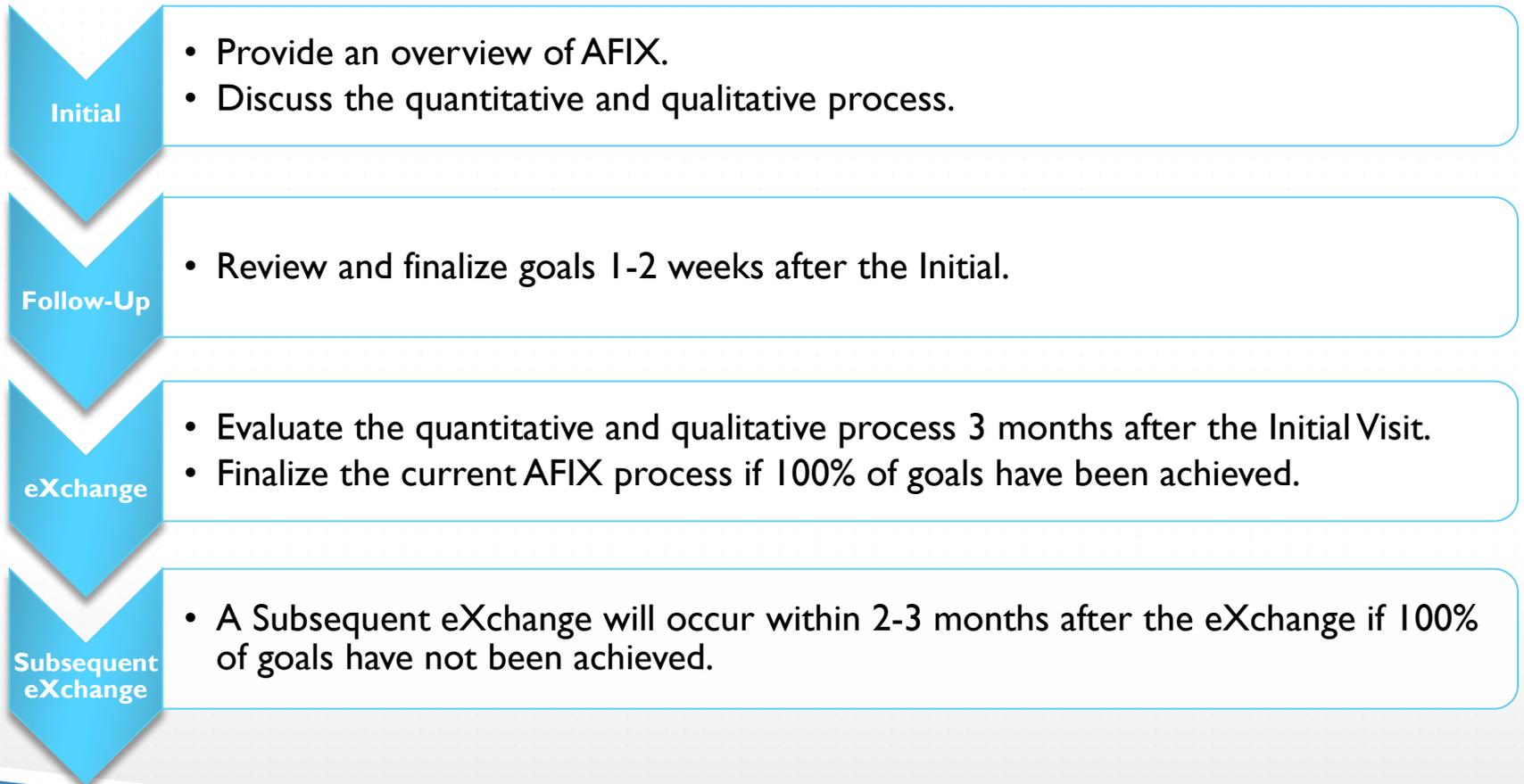
- ▶ Provide current educational resource materials to providers
- ▶ Certificate of Achievement awarded for participation and completion of AFIX Process
- ▶ Acknowledge participation in the statewide *Alaska Immune-News*

EXCHANGE

Evaluate progress on the action plan:

- ▶ If 100% of goals have been achieved, the current AFIX process is finalized.
- ▶ If goals have not been achieved then a subsequent eXchange will occur.

TIMELINE



RESOURCES

- ▶ [Alaska Immunization Program](#)
 - ▶ [AFIX Website](#)
 - ▶ [AFIX Resource Guide](#)