

**FY 2007 Labor HHS Appropriations Bill
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Immunization**

| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 President | 2007 Recommendation |
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| Immunization (Current Law) | \$493,032,000 | \$519,872,000 | \$507,369,000 | \$802,400,000 |
| *Immunization (Proposed Law) | \$493,032,000 | \$519,872,000 | \$407,369,000 | \$802,400,000 |

* The President's Budget for the 317 Program assumes the proposed law total of \$407,369,000 in budget authority and this is the amount included for this program within the total for the CDC's FY07 request.

Recommendation: Provide \$802,400,000 for the National Immunization Program at CDC. This includes \$200,000,000 for childhood operations/infrastructure grant awards to States, \$45,000,000 for adult operations/infrastructure grants, \$387,000,000 for purchase of childhood vaccines, \$88,000,000 for purchase of adult vaccines and \$82,400,000 for CDC prevention activities.

Reject the President's Budget proposal to cut the *discretionary* appropriation of the 317 program on the basis of shifting \$100 million to the *mandatory* Vaccines for Children Program. The 317 program is currently grossly underfunded, and any proposed expansion of VFC should not be viewed as an opportunity to cut this critical, life-saving program. Given the years and enormous investment required to bring new vaccines to the public, it is imperative to ensure access to these cost-effective, disease prevention measures once they become available and recommended by the medical community.

Justification:

- CDC estimates that for every \$1 spent on an individual vaccine:
 - DTaP saves \$27
 - MMR saves \$26
 - Perinatal Hepatitis B saves \$14.70
 - Varicella saves \$5.40
- Nearly 1 million two-year-olds do not receive all of the recommended doses.
- Every day 11,000 babies are born; each child needs up to 25 doses of vaccine by age two.
- **Even the 2007 recommended appropriation of \$802 million does not budget for several vaccines expected to be introduced in 2006, including human papillomavirus (HPV), herpes zoster (shingles), and expanded varicella.**

Program Description: The 317 Grant Program is a key program for vaccinating children and adults. It ensures that children who are not eligible for the VFC Program and who cannot otherwise afford immunization can be vaccinated. It also provides some access to immunizations for uninsured and underinsured adults. CDC provides these grants to all 50 States, six cities and eight current or former territories to carry out immunization activities. CDC supports nationwide surveillance activities, outbreak investigation and vaccine safety and efficacy monitoring. It conducts vaccine safety and "best practices" research. It provides technical assistance, training, and education for health providers.

State and local health departments assess vaccination coverage levels, build support for immunization of adults, educate the public and providers about the importance of immunizations, purchase, distribute and administer vaccine using Federal funds, create immunization registries, and conduct disease surveillance and investigate outbreaks.

Accomplishments: The nation's childhood immunization coverage rates are at record high levels for every vaccine and for all the vaccination series measures. As childhood immunization coverage rates increase, cases of vaccine preventable disease decline significantly. CDC has made great progress in educating health care providers and the public about the benefits of varicella vaccine. Coverage for varicella vaccine reached 88% in 2004 as opposed to only 43% in 1998.