

Improving Immunization Rates and Behaviors in Clinics and Practices

What is a Classic AFIX?

Michigan AFIX is a quality improvement process for any immunization provider office in Michigan who is interested in improving immunization behaviors, decreasing identified barriers to immunizations and improving coverage level percentages. Physician Offices that participate in a Classic AFIX visit by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will receive specific, detailed information about how well immunized the patients they last immunized are. The State AFIX Coordinator will present information to your staff on possible barriers and other factors that affect coverage level percentages at your practice. A working quality improvement (QI) plan is collaboratively created, with your staff, setting obtainable goals unique and specific for your practice.

Annual VFC/AFIX vs. Classic AFIX visits:

The Local County Health Department Immunization staff conducts annual compliance site visits with provider offices participating in the Vaccine For Children (VFC) program. The combined VFC/AFIX site visit contains a basic overview of assessment data and the feedback portion is discussed routinely with one staff person at each practice. The Classic AFIX visit provides an opportunity to review detailed AFIX information and is discussed with several staff at a convenient time for the practice.

Why Classic AFIX?

Classic AFIX can be conducted with any age range from 6 months – 18 years. The most often age range assessed in Michigan is 24-36 months old, identifying information for the 2-year old population. The second most often age range assessed in Michigan is 11-17 years old, identifying information for the adolescent population.

Classic AFIX not only raises awareness of vaccine coverage levels and possible barriers but also provides recognition of high-performing practices or clinics within the community, region and the state. Recognition occurs at local coalition meetings, MCIR provider meetings, regional conferences and in state immunization newsletters. Other incentives may be available to physician offices that participate; one example may be free registration to the annual Michigan Regional Immunization Conferences.

Learn about

- What is Classic AFIX?
- Difference in the Classic AFIX and the annual VFC/AFIX visit
- Why Classic AFIX?
- Benefits to your practice or clinic

“We received useful detailed information at the Classic AFIX session. The QI Plan that was created will assist us with our efforts in getting patients fully vaccinated at every visit”

How will participating in a Classic AFIX benefit my practice?

Classic AFIX can help your practice or clinic improve:

- *Immunization coverage levels*; patients will be better protected against vaccine preventable diseases
- *Consistency* in immunization services
- *Staff knowledge and confidence* in speaking with families and patients about immunizations
- *Clinic workflow* around immunizations can become more efficient
- *Employee morale*; staff throughout the organization will gain knowledge and have opportunities to contribute towards improving immunizations.

As a result of a Classic AFIX visit several practices are able to identify an “*Immunization Champion*” in the office. The *Immunization Champion* often is the lead staff person implementing the QI Plan and is also most interested and motivated to achieve and keep the gold standards and best practices for immunizations.



Call for more information about a Classic AFIX for your practice or clinic

If you want more information about the AFIX process or to schedule a Classic AFIX visit for your office please call the Michigan AFIX Coordinator
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How does a Classic AFIX work?

A Classic AFIX visit is available from the Michigan AFIX Coordinator for primary care providers that administer immunizations in Michigan. The Classic AFIX visit is routinely a one hour interactive presentation with physicians, with staff that are decision makers in the practice, as well as with clinical and non-clinical staff. The Classic AFIX visit is scheduled at a convenient time for the practice and can take place in person at the physician office or via a web-based meeting.

The 60-minute Classic AFIX visit discusses detailed assessment information and provides an analysis of the immunization levels using data from the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR). The Classic AFIX visit highlights areas of success and areas where improvements could be made, creating a collaborative Quality Improvement (QI) plan. The QI plan includes information about choosing realistic, attainable goals and implementing workable strategies to meet those goals. The implementation of the QI plan created at the Classic AFIX visit can result in increased immunization coverage levels for the practice.

Only you know how ready your practice and staff are to make changes improving vaccinations of patients and the Michigan AFIX Coordinator is available to support your efforts.

