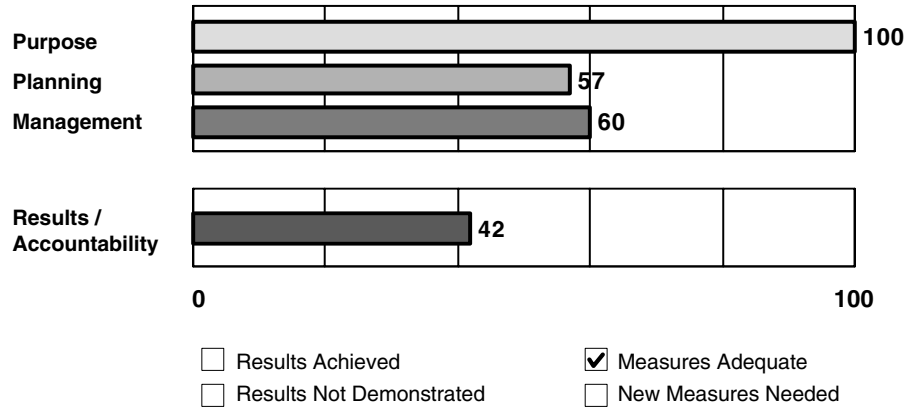


Program: 317 Immunization Program

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Bureau:



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Long-Term Measure: Number of cases of vaccine-preventable diseases in the U.S. (Target is 0 or close to 0 for all vaccine preventable diseases, and actual performance reflects a range.)	2001	<150	<183
	2010	0	
Annual Measure: Immunization coverage in children 19-35 months of age for recommended vaccines (target is 90 percent) (Performance is over or close to 90% except for varicella which was recommended in 1999.)	2001	90%	
	2004	90%	>=90%
Annual Measure: Number of polio cases worldwide (2004 target is 0.)	2003		200
	2005	0	

Rating: Adequate

Program Type: Competitive Grants

Program Summary:

The immunization program awards grants to state health departments and carries out other activities such as surveillance and public education to ensure that children are vaccinated against disease.

The assessment found that:

1. The program is successful in improving immunization rates among children.
2. There are no comprehensive evaluations analyzing current program operations, management, and the structure of the overall program and how that affects achievement of program performance.
3. The program generally has strong management practices, but does not have processes in place to measure or improve efficiency.
4. There is no explicit mechanism linking the program's budget for state immunization administrative activities to program performance.

In response to these findings, the Administration will:

1. Include a legislative proposal in the 2004 Budget to make it easier for underinsured children who are eligible for the CDC Vaccines for Children (VFC) program to receive immunizations in public health clinics, to improve program efficiency in the overall childhood immunization program. This proposal will expand the VFC program and result in savings to the 317 discretionary childhood immunization program.
2. Work on conducting a comprehensive evaluation of the structure, management and operations of the immunization program.

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
627	628	511