

National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) February 6, 2009 Meeting on the draft strategic National Vaccine Plan: Health Care Payers Session

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Summary of Comments:

- Health care payers/plans support immunization as an effective preventive health measure.
- The National Vaccine Plan should incorporate more evidence-based public education on the value of preventive health services, including vaccines.
- There are concerns about the cost of immunization; but the plan should recognize that cost is not the only barrier.
- There are concerns that the term “financial barriers” seems to open door for government mandates.
- The plan should tease out the differences and the overlapping issues of public and private vaccine reimbursement and eligibility.
- More evaluation is needed on cost-effective delivery models and best practices.
- There is strong support for registries [immunization information systems] to support various aspects of the plan, including delivery, adverse event reporting, and reminders/recall.