Title: Impact of Population Estimation Survey (PES) Changes on Immunization Programs

Background: In the summer of 2008 CDC implemented methodological changes to the PES, the tool used by CDC to allocate vaccine funding to grantees. AIM conducted a survey to explore the impact of the PES changes. Data was utilized by the AIM Finance Committee to communicate concerns to CDC regarding the impact of changes to the PES on grantee funding awards.

Methods: The AIM Executive Director, members of the Finance Committee and Research Coordinator developed the survey. In July 2008, the survey was administered to all 64 Immunization Programs (IP) via an online survey tool.

Results: Thirty-two of 64 IP participated in the survey. Results indicated that 83% of responding programs (24 of 29) would receive a decrease in funding due to the new PES methodology, none would have an increase in funding and 17% (5 of 29) would have no change in funding. Seventy-two percent (23 of 32) did not accept all of the CDC provided data, but did submit program specific data to support the PES. Various program specific data sources were used.

Conclusion: AIM survey results help communicate the extent of policy changes on IP.