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Mechanisms of Financing Immunizations for Kansas Children

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Need For This Study

- Gaps in knowledge about the mechanisms of financing for immunization activities and the amount of money spent on immunizations



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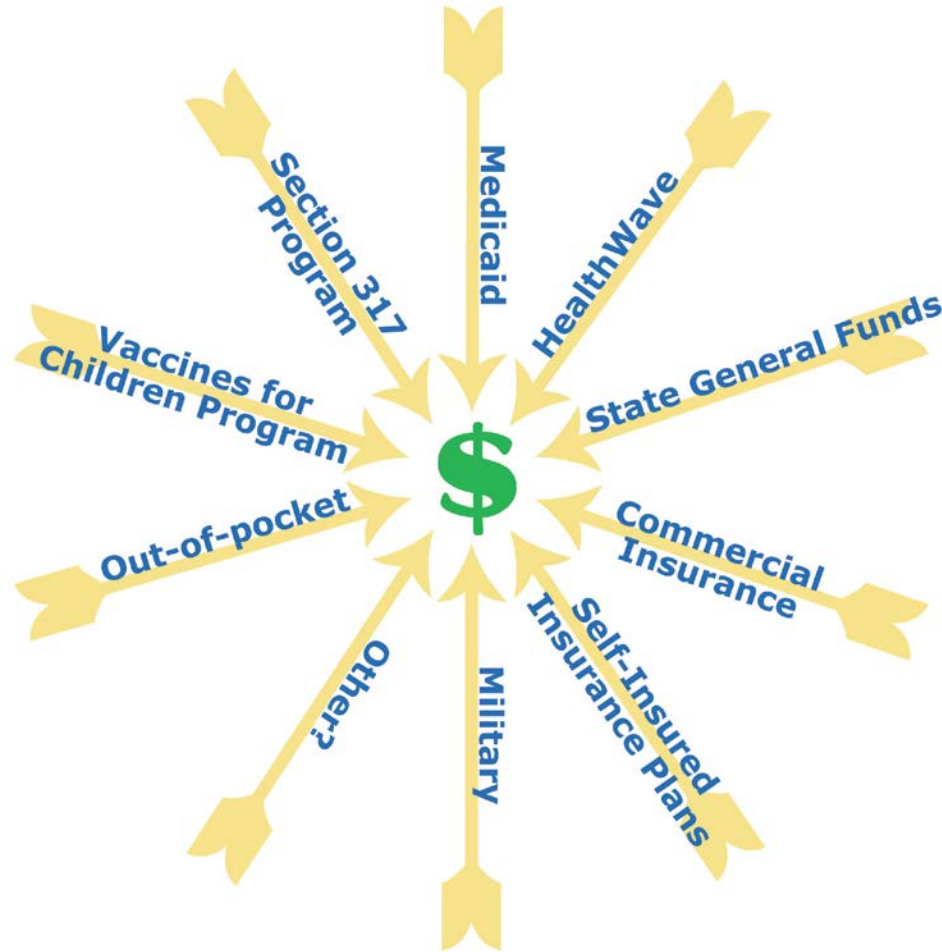
Research Questions

- What are the sources of funding for immunizations to Kansas children?
- How much money do each of these sources devote to immunizations?
- What types of coverage are provided for childhood immunizations through government programs and public and private insurance plans in Kansas?



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Sources of Kansas Immunization Funding





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Sources of Data

- KDHE (for federal and state programs)
- Medicaid MSIS
- SCHIP
- KHIIS (for commercial plans)
- Military
 - Fort Riley
 - Fort Leavenworth
 - McConnell AFB



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Sources of Data

- Self-insured employers
 - American Century
 - H&R Block
 - Hallmark
 - Sprint
 - Others



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Limitations

- Multiple sources of data
 - Lack of standardization of definitions, reporting rules, and information collected across different databases
- Cost vs. payment
- Self-insured data is from a sample of employers



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Results

- We will *not* have a fully complete picture
- We *will* have the most complete analysis to date of the mechanisms of funding childhood immunizations in Kansas



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