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In Indiana, many community physicians are referring patients with adequate health insurance to local health departments for vaccinations that are intended only for residents who are without insurance or who are under-insured and unable to pay for the immunizations. Misapplications of these state and federally funded vaccinations will lead to premature depletion of vaccination supplies in local health departments.

Therefore, the Indiana State Department of Health's Immunization Division issued new childhood and adult eligibility policies for publicly funded vaccines. Local health departments will be advised to primarily provide publicly funded vaccines to those residents whom either lack the ability to pay for vaccinations or lack the insurance to cover them. Additionally, local health departments will be advocating that community physicians provide vaccinations to their insured patients. Appropriately using both private and public resources will best assure broader community immunizations and therefore a safer and better protected environment.

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