

Recommendation No. 5: Plan of Allocation Among the States

Each manufacturer has agreed to a plan under which, after the current vaccine requirements of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis program have been met, that manufacturer will ship into the various States a portion of every lot of his vaccine cleared by the Public Health Service. The plan provides for each State to receive an amount equivalent to the percentage of that State's population in the priority age group to the total population of the United States in that age group. The right hand column of the attached table (B) shows each State's percentage of the total U.S. population aged 5-9 inclusive not eligible for vaccine under the Foundation program. For example, California has 8.121%, Maryland has 1.581%, and Vermont has 0.247% of this population group. In accordance with the percentages in the table, out of every 100,000 cc. of vaccine cleared and ready for shipment, California would receive 8,121 cc., Maryland 1,581 cc., and Vermont 247 cc.

The manufacturers have agreed to adhere to instructions from the Public Health Service, based on State plans, as to the amounts to be shipped to each State. They will also provide State health officers with copies of invoices of shipments into their States, and furnish full reports to the Public Health Service on total output and shipments.

Recommendation No. 6: State Responsibility

Suggested plans for intrastate distribution have been considered in detail with the Executive Committee of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers. The secretary of that Committee on June 9 forwarded suggested procedures to all State health officers.