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## **Vaccines for Children Program reminder**

The Florida Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program provides vaccines to children 0 to 18 years of age who meet program eligibility at no cost to the parent or guardian. It supports the Immunization Section's commitment to vaccinate all children. This valuable program allows providers to make routine immunizations available to eligible children without out-of-pocket expenses to the parent or guardian.

Clear Health Alliance will reimburse providers the administration fee for the vaccine as per their contract. Providers must bill using the appropriate assigned Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code to the vaccine and a modifier code, as indicated.

The provider must enroll with the VFC Program through the Department of Health to receive the vaccines free of charge and have sufficient supplies of the vaccines.

Florida SHOTS completes the VFC annual provider enrollment process. If you would like to enroll in the VFC Program, please send an email to FloridaVFC@FLHealth.gov. A VFC representative with instructions for initial enrollment will contact you. Providers **must** report to SHOTS all vaccines rendered to members enrolled in Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Managed Medical Assistance.

Information regarding the VFC Program is available by contacting the Florida Department of Health by phone at **1-850-245-4342** or visiting **www.immunizeflorida.org/vfc** and selecting the appropriate immunization services.

You may also mail: Florida Department of Health Immunization Section 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A11 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1719

We encourage PCPs to provide information about enrollees requesting temporary cash assistance from the Department of Children and Families (DCF), upon request by DCF and receipt of the enrollee's written permission. This information is necessary to document that the enrollee has met the immunization requirements for enrollees receiving temporary cash assistance.

## Frequently asked questions

The following vaccines and combination vaccines are available free to the enrolled VFC provider through Florida's VFC Program:

Diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis (DTaP)	Haemophilus influenzae type b (HIB)	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B
Human papillomavirus (HPV)	Influenza	Meningococcal conjugate (MCV4)	Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (MMRV)	Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)	Polio (IPV)	Rotavirus
Tetanus, diphtheria (Td)	Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)	Varicella	Combination vaccines (Pediarix®, Comvax®, Pentacel®, Kinrix® and ProQuad®)

The following vaccine is available by request for high-risk children only:

Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPV23)

For vaccines excluded from the VFC Program, please contact the Better Health Utilization Management Precertification Department at: 9250 W. Flagler St., Suite 600, Miami, FL 33174-3460 before administering a vaccine not covered by the VFC Program.

## **Contact us**

Provider Services: **1-877-915-0551** 

• Eligibility Verification: Prompt 1

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You may also email provideradministration@simplyhealthcareplans.com.