



Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program

Why Immunize

Vaccinations protect children and strengthen their immune system when they are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases¹. Children are exposed to thousands of germs every day, either by the food eaten, breathing in air, or by putting things in their mouths. Vaccines consist of small amounts of antigens to help fight off serious diseases; antigens are part of a germ (disease). After the vaccine is given, the immune system will remember the antigen and attack the germ if it presents in the body¹.

VFC Program

Home State Health/MO HealthNet enrolled providers are encouraged to participate in the VFC Program administered by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. VFC registered providers **must** use the free vaccine when administering vaccines to Home State Health members. There is no cost to participating medical providers, but the provider must register².

Register at <https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/pdf/provider-enrollment-toolkit.pdf>

Providers should contact the VFC Program Coordinator at <https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/index.php> to assist with the number of members needed to achieve the VFC status. If the provider does not meet the number of members for the VFC Program, they must refer the members needing immunizations to the local public health agency to receive the vaccines as MO health departments are required to participate in the VFC program.

The VFC program is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and provides free vaccines to children ages 0 through 18 years of age who meet specific eligibility. One of the following criteria must be met in order to be eligible:

- MO HealthNet Enrolled- child must be enrolled in the MO HealthNet Program
- Uninsured- means a child has no health insurance coverage
- Native American/Alaskan Native- children who are included in the Indian Health Services Act
- Underinsured- child has some type of health insurance, but the plan does not include vaccinations, does not cover certain vaccines or does cover vaccines but with a fixed dollar limit or cap for vaccines:
 - Does not include members with an unmet deductible
 - Does not include members who are unable to pay the deductible
 - The child **must** be vaccinated in a Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC) or a Rural Health Clinic (RHC)

Immunization Guidance

TIPS:

➤ Administration fee for the vaccine...	Home State Health pays the State fee schedule amount per injectable for the administration of the VFC supplied serum. Home State Health will not reimburse providers who choose to use their own supply of the vaccine. The vaccine must be ordered through the MO Department of Health's VFC Program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providers who are enrolled as (RHCs) or (FQHCs) must bill the CPT vaccine code but will not be reimbursed (<i>refer to the Provider Billing and Claims Manual</i>).
➤ SL Modifier...	SL modifier = State supplied vaccine ; vaccine was at no cost to the provider. Home State Health (HSH) providers must bill the CPT vaccine codes with the SL modifier to receive payment for the administration (<i>refer to example below</i>). <u>Providers will get a denial if they code the administration codes 90460 and/or 90461 for any member under 19 years of age who meets eligibility.</u> Refer to the MO HealthNet Provider Manual for a complete listing of all VFC Vaccines Codes, including influenza immunization codes: http://manuals.momed.com/collections/collection_phy/print.pdf



<p>➤ CDC Immunization Schedules...</p>	<p>The CDC developed child and adolescent immunization schedules, including catch-up schedules with suggested minimal intervals between receiving vaccinations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The vaccine series does not need to be restarted regardless of the time in between receiving the doses. The CDC suggests administering the recommended vaccine if the history of vaccine is incomplete or unknown. Adding doses or restarting a vaccine series should not be performed. <p>Click on the below icons for links to immunization schedules from the CDC and MO Health:</p>																	
<p>➤ Show Me Vax Database...</p>	<p>Show Me Vax database is Missouri's immunization registry and offers providers, schools, and child care organizations a complete listing of the member's immunization status. Providers should timely download all immunizations given into the Show Me Vax database. Click on link to register: https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/showmevax/</p>																	
<p>➤ VFC Provider Coding Scenario...^{3,4,6}</p>	<p>Example: 11 year old female presents for a preventive visit. The child and mother are also counseled by the provider on risks and benefits of HPV and Tdap vaccines. The provider documents the discussion in the record and obtains a written consent to administer the vaccines. The nurse administers each vaccine, provides the vaccine information sheet to the mother, completes chart documentation including vaccine registries, and verifies the member does not have an immediate adverse reaction.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="391 945 1513 1155"> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 945 868 1155"> <p>CPT codes to bill... 99393-EP- Preventive visit with EP modifier 90649-SL-HPV vaccine with SL modifier 90715-SL-Tdap vaccine with SL modifier</p> <p>*FQHC/RHC providers would not bill a charge amount for the administration*</p> </td> <td data-bbox="868 945 1128 1155"> <p>ICD 10 codes... Z00.129- Encounter for routine child health exam without abnormal findings Z23- Encounter for immunization(s)</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1128 945 1513 1155"> <p>National Drug codes (NDC)... (Vaccine drug codes may appear as a 10 digit NDC, HIPPA requires the NDC to be 11 digits; for NDC's containing 10 digits, add a leading "0" to the NDC number) 10 digits - 3333-4444-22 11 digits - 03333-4444-22</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Providers receive the State fee schedule amount per injectable for the administration of the VFC supplied serum; i.e. for the Tdap, the providers are reimbursed the rate x 3.</p>			<p>CPT codes to bill... 99393-EP- Preventive visit with EP modifier 90649-SL-HPV vaccine with SL modifier 90715-SL-Tdap vaccine with SL modifier</p> <p>*FQHC/RHC providers would not bill a charge amount for the administration*</p>	<p>ICD 10 codes... Z00.129- Encounter for routine child health exam without abnormal findings Z23- Encounter for immunization(s)</p>	<p>National Drug codes (NDC)... (Vaccine drug codes may appear as a 10 digit NDC, HIPPA requires the NDC to be 11 digits; for NDC's containing 10 digits, add a leading "0" to the NDC number) 10 digits - 3333-4444-22 11 digits - 03333-4444-22</p>												
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<p>➤ P4P/HEDIS measures⁵...</p>	<p>Below are Payment for Performance (P4P) measures and HEDIS measures; <i>P4P measures only apply to the Medicaid Membership population:</i></p> <p>Childhood Immunization Status (CIS) This is the percentage of children 2 years of age (during the measurement year) who had:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="391 1333 1513 1459"> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 1333 738 1386">4 – DTaP diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis</td> <td data-bbox="738 1333 1015 1386">3 – IPV polio</td> <td data-bbox="1015 1333 1258 1386">1 – MMR measles mumps, and rubella</td> <td data-bbox="1258 1333 1513 1386">3 – HiB haemophilus influenza type B</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 1386 738 1417">3 – Hep B hepatitis B</td> <td data-bbox="738 1386 1015 1417">1 – VZV chicken pox</td> <td data-bbox="1015 1386 1258 1417">2-3 RV rotavirus</td> <td data-bbox="1258 1386 1513 1417">1 – Hep A hepatitis A</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" data-bbox="391 1417 1513 1459">4 – PCV pneumococcal conjugate 2 – Flu influenza vaccines</td> </tr> </table> <p>Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA) This is the percentage of adolescents 13 years of age (during the measurement year) who had:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="391 1512 1513 1564"> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 1512 722 1564">1 – dose of meningococcal vaccine</td> <td data-bbox="722 1512 1128 1564">1 – Tdap tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis</td> <td data-bbox="1128 1512 1513 1564">Completed HPV the human papillomavirus vaccines</td> </tr> </table>			4 – DTaP diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis	3 – IPV polio	1 – MMR measles mumps, and rubella	3 – HiB haemophilus influenza type B	3 – Hep B hepatitis B	1 – VZV chicken pox	2-3 RV rotavirus	1 – Hep A hepatitis A	4 – PCV pneumococcal conjugate 2 – Flu influenza vaccines				1 – dose of meningococcal vaccine	1 – Tdap tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis	Completed HPV the human papillomavirus vaccines
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1. CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/index.html>
2. <https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/vfc-providers.php>
3. Current Procedural Terminology Professional Coding Book, 2019, American Medical Association
4. ICD 10-CM Expert for Physicians: The Complete Official Code Set, Optum360. 2018 Optum360, LLC
5. HEDIS Technical Specifications, 2019; Provider Performance Measures, 2019
6. <https://www.aafp.org/practice-management/payment/coding/admin.html>

➤ **Secure Portal Registration:** If you haven't already do so, please go to www.HomeStateHealth.com to register for our Secure Portal. Functions on the portal include: Verification of eligibility, submission of claims, entering authorizations, viewing patient care gaps, etc. Use of the portal is FREE for all services!

➤ **Electronic Funds Transfer / Electronic Remittance Advice**

- Home State Health Plan partners with PaySpan Health for EFT/ERA services.
- Please register with PaySpan Health at www.payspanhealth.com

Questions?

Contact Provider Relations at 1-855-694-4663.