What are the VFC Program Requirements?

Do:

- ☑ Screen for VFC eligibility at each visit

- ☑ Maintain records of all children immunized with VFC vaccine by entering vaccine doses into the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIIS)

- ☑ Comply with the recommended immunization schedule as established by ACIP and NJ state immunization laws

- ☑ Provide vaccine information materials and maintain records in accordance with the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Act

- ☑ Comply with NJ VFC ordering accountability and quality assurance requirements

Do Not:

- ☒ Do not charge for VFC-supplied vaccines

- ☒ Do not impose a fee for administration of the vaccine that is higher than the fee cap established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

- ☒ Do not deny service if the administration fee cannot be paid

How do I Become a VFC or 317 Provider?

1. Go to: **www.njiis.nj.gov**

2. Click on the VFC–Vaccines for Children tab on the left-hand side of the page

3. Scroll to the bottom of the page under the "New Site Enrollment Packages" heading. In order to become a **VFC Provider**, complete the "Vaccines for Children Program Provider Enrollment Package Pediatric," which includes the following forms:
   - Provider Enrollment (IMM-26)
   - Provider Agreement (IMM-36)

   In order to become a **317 Provider**, complete the "Vaccine Preventable Disease Program Provider Enrollment Package Adult," which includes the following forms:
   - Provider Enrollment (IMM-18)
   - Provider Agreement (IMM-25)

4. Send forms electronically to **VFC@doh.nj.gov** or fax forms to 609-826-4868

For More Information

**Contact the
New Jersey Department of Health
Vaccines for Children Program**
(609) 826-4862
E-mail: **VFC@doh.nj.gov**

Additional information from the CDC:
http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/index.html

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Information for Healthcare Providers

What is the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program?

Introduced in 1994 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), New Jersey VFC is a federally funded, state-operated vaccine supply program that provides pediatric vaccines at no cost to doctors who serve children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay. Physicians may charge office visit and administration fees based on a government fee schedule.

There are over 1,000 medical offices enrolled in the New Jersey VFC Program and the majority are private providers.

What are the VFC Provider Eligibility Requirements?

Any provider authorized to prescribe vaccines under NJ state law can become a VFC provider. Physicians do not have to be Medicaid providers to participate. However, Medicaid providers need to enroll in the VFC Program to receive free vaccines.

What are the Benefits of Joining the VFC Program?

- Reduces providers' out-of-pocket costs—providers don't have to buy vaccines with their own money

- Allows providers to charge an administrative fee to offset their costs of doing business

- Keeps patients in medical home for comprehensive health care

- Provides providers with Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines

- Helps providers avoid missed opportunities for immunizations

Not-for-profits, health departments, and Federally Qualified Health Care Centers (FQHCs) should also contact the NJ VFC Program to inquire about the 317–Funded Adult (317) Program for their adult at-risk uninsured/underinsured patients.

What are the VFC Patient Eligibility Requirements?

The VFC Program was created to meet the vaccination needs of children from birth through 18 years of age. Patients eligible to receive VFC vaccines are children who:

- ❖ are American Indian or Alaskan Native

- ❖ are enrolled in Medicaid or Medicaid Managed Care

- ❖ are enrolled in NJ FamilyCare (Plan A only)

- ❖ do not have any health insurance

- ❖ are underinsured:
  - insurance does not cover vaccines
  - insurance covers selected vaccines (eligible only for those vaccines not covered)

Underinsured children are eligible to receive VFC vaccines only through a FQHC. For these patients, please direct them to a local FQHC that participates in VFC.
http://njpca.site-ym.com/?page=Locate Center