

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Patient Eligibility Screening Record

A record of all children 18 years of age or younger who receive immunizations must be kept in the health care provider's office for 6 years. The record may be completed by the parent, guardian, individual of record, or by the health care provider. VFC eligibility screening and documentation of eligibility status must take place with each immunization visit to ensure the child's eligibility status has not changed. While verification of responses is not required, it is necessary to retain this or a similar record for each child receiving vaccine. Providers using a similar form (paper-based or electronic) must capture all reporting elements included in this form.

1. Child's Name : _____
Last Name First Name MI

2. Child's Date of Birth: ___/___/_____

3. Parent/Guardian/Individual of Record: _____
Last Name First Name MI

4. Primary Provider's Name: _____
Last Name First Name MI

5. To determine if a child (0 through 18 years of age) is eligible to receive federal vaccine through the VFC and state programs, at each immunization encounter/visit enter the date and mark the appropriate eligibility category. *If Column A-E is marked, the child is eligible for the VFC program. If column F or G is marked the child is not eligible for federal VFC vaccine.*

	Eligible for VFC Vaccine					Not eligible for VFC Vaccine	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Date	Medicaid Enrolled	No Health Insurance	American Indian or Alaskan Native	*Underinsured served by FQHC, RHC or deputized provider	**Enrolled in Kids Care	***Other underinsured	Has health insurance that covers vaccines

**Underinsured includes children with health insurance that does not include vaccines or only covers specific vaccine types. Children are only eligible for vaccines that are not covered by insurance. In addition, to receive VFC vaccine, underinsured children must be vaccinated through a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) or under an approved deputized provider. The deputized provider must have a written agreement with an FQHC/RHC and the state/local/territorial immunization program in order to vaccinate underinsured children.*

***Children enrolled in separate state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). These children are eligible for VFC vaccines but will need to be billed to AHCCCS as KidsCare.*

****Other underinsured are children that are underinsured but are not eligible to receive federal vaccine through the VFC program because the provider or facility is not a FQHC/RHC or a deputized provider. However, these children may be served if vaccines are provided by the state program to cover these non-VFC eligible children.*

Please be advised:

If your insurance company does not cover immunizations and you do not let us know at the time of the visit, it is your responsibility to pay the cost involved. We cannot make the Vaccines for Children Program retroactive and you are only eligible for the Vaccines for Children Program at the time of the visit. If you are unsure if immunizations and well check-ups are covered, please contact your insurance company.

Thank You.

Please sign below indicating that you understand and agree with the above statement.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Did You Know Your Child Can Get Free Vaccines?

Vaccines for Children Can Help

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides free vaccines to children who qualify. About half of American children less than 19 years old receive VFC vaccine.

Is my child eligible for the VFC Program?

Children are eligible if it is before their 19th birthday and they:

- Qualify for Medicaid
- Don't have insurance
- Are American Indian or Alaska Native

Children whose insurance doesn't cover some or all routinely recommended vaccines (underinsured) can still get vaccines through VFC if they go to a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic.

Where can I go to get my child vaccinated?

- Ask if your child's doctor or nurse is a VFC provider. Nationally, there are thousands of health care providers enrolled in the VFC program.
- If your child does not have a doctor, ask if your local public health department provides vaccines.
- Visit a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC).

How much will I have to pay?

- All routinely recommended vaccines are free through the VFC Program.
- Doctors can charge fees to give each shot. However, they cannot refuse to vaccinate your child if you are unable to pay these fees.
- The doctor can charge additional fees for the office visit or non-vaccine services such as an eye exam or blood test.

Where can I get more information?

- Ask your child's doctor's office if they participate in VFC.
- If you don't have a regular doctor's office:
 - See if your state has a searchable website for VFC providers.
 - Call your [state or local health department](#).
 - Visit findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov to find a Federally Qualified Health Center.



Learn more at [CDC.gov/features/vfcprogram](https://www.cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram)