

<b>Policy &amp; Procedure Title</b>	Childhood Vaccine Eligibility Statement	<b>Issuing Date</b>	07/17/2012
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### Indiana Publicly Funded Vaccine Purchase Policy VFC and Underinsured

Through a combination of VFC, 317 and state funds, the immunization division supplies all routinely recommended pediatric vaccines to all public and private VFC enrolled providers to vaccinate only VFC eligible and underinsured children. (Policy applies to both public and private providers.)

### Eligibility Criteria

**Any immunization provider enrolled in the Vaccines for Children program can provide publicly funded vaccine to the following categories:**

- Birth through 18 years of age
  - Medicaid
  - American Indian/Alaskan Native
  - No Health Insurance

**Any immunization provider enrolled in the Vaccines for Children program can *elect* to provide publicly funded vaccine to the following category:**

- Birth through 18 years of age
  - Insurance Does Not Cover Vaccines (Underinsured)

### Additional Information

- All ACIP recommended vaccinations are available as publicly funded vaccines.
- All immunization providers are required to adhere to the ACIP recommendations for vaccine administration.
- No additional eligibility requirements may be imposed by providers for the receipt of publicly purchased vaccine by eligible children.
  - This includes but is not limited to requirements pertaining to residency, not having an established primary care physician or the individual requesting data exclusion from the immunization registry.
  - Private providers are not required to provide services to eligible children who are not established patients at their facility.
  - Local health departments are considered by CDC as the safety net providers for the VFC population and they must administer VFC vaccine to any VFC-eligible children who present for immunization services at their facilities.
- A child is considered 18 years of age *up to and until* the date of their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- For eligibility criteria for individuals 19 years of age and older, refer to *Indiana Publicly Funded Adult Vaccine Eligibility Statement*.

### Vaccine Accountability

- All immunization providers are required to account for all publicly funded vaccine. This must be done by documenting all vaccination information in CHIRP as an administered dose.

### Definitions of Eligibility Categories

**Medicaid** A child who has any form of Medicaid insurance.

- CHIRP: Medicaid
- Administration Fee: Bill to Medicaid, Cannot be charged to client as an out of pocket expense. Reimbursement \$8.00 per vaccine from Medicaid.

### Insured and Medicaid as Secondary Insurance

- If a child has private health insurance covering vaccines and Medicaid as secondary insurance, the child, under these conditions, is considered insured and private health insurance will be the primary payer. VFC provider should administer private stock vaccine and bill the primary insurance carrier for both the cost of the vaccine and

administration fee.

- If the primary insurer pays less than Medicaid amount for the vaccine administration fee, the provider can bill Medicaid for the balance of the vaccine fee. As with other Medicaid services, Medicaid is the payer of last resort.
- In the rare event the primary insurer denies payment of the vaccine and the administration fee, the provider may replace the privately purchased vaccine with VFC vaccine and bill Medicaid for the administrative fee. This must be documented on the VFC borrowing form and reconciled in CHIRP.

**American Indian/Alaskan Native** A child who identifies as an American Indian or Alaskan Native, regardless of insurance.

- CHIRP: Am. Indian/Alaskan Native
- Administration Fee: May be charged to client as an out of pocket expense. Not to exceed \$20.32 per vaccine. Vaccination may not be denied for inability to pay administration fee.
- No documentation of ethnicity is required.

**No Health Insurance** A child who does **not** have health insurance.

- CHIRP: No Health Insurance
- Administration Fee: May be charged to client as an out of pocket expense. Not to exceed \$20.32 per vaccine. Vaccination may not be denied for inability to pay administration fee.

**Insurance Does Not Cover Vaccines (Underinsured)** A child who has commercial (private) health insurance but the coverage does not include vaccines, children whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (these children are categorized as underinsured for non-covered vaccines only), or children whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount (once that coverage amount is reached, these children are categorized as underinsured). With the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), it is rare for a child to meet the underinsured eligibility criteria for the VFC Program. Therefore, unless insurance coverage for the vaccines are verified by the provider prior to administration of vaccine, for the purposes of the VFC program, these children are considered insured and NOT eligible to receive VFC vaccines.

- CHIRP: Insurance Does not Cover Vaccines
- Administration Fee: May be charged to client as an out of pocket expense. Not to exceed \$20.32 per vaccine. Vaccination may not be denied for inability to pay administration fee.
- The following are NOT considered underinsured
  - Has a high deductible
  - Has 80/20 or percentage based coverage
  - Has a co-pay
- If the child was vaccinated with private stock vaccine and an insurance denial of payment is later received for that dose, a provider may use the Borrowing Policy to transfer a VFC dose to their private stock. This must be documented on the Borrowing Form and reconciled in CHIRP.

**Fully Insured** A child who has health insurance which provides coverage for vaccines.

- CHIRP: Fully Insured
- Fully Insured children must receive private stock vaccine and their insurance billed.
- All immunization providers are required to carry private stock vaccine. The only exception to this is when a provider is an authorized specialty provider

## Funding Source Definitions

**Publicly Funded Vaccine** Any vaccine supplied through ISDH. ISDH has three primary funding sources to purchase publicly funded vaccine – VFC (Vaccine for Children), 317 and State funds.

### VFC Funds

- Eligibility criteria: Birth through 18 years of age
  - Medicaid
  - American Indian/Native Alaskan
  - No Health Insurance
  - Insurance Does Not Cover Vaccines (Underinsured) – only at FQHC/RHC or providers with a Delegation of Authority (DOA) from an FQHC/RHC
- Funding amount based on population need

### State Funds

- Eligibility criteria: Birth through 18 years of age, per state statute
  - Insurance Does Not Cover Vaccines (Underinsured) – providers who are not an FQHC/RHC or provider with DOA
- Set funding amount that does not change with need

### 317 Funds

- Eligibility criteria: No age requirement
  - Insurance Does Not Cover Vaccines (Underinsured) – providers who are not an FQHC/RHC or provider with DOA
  - Adult Vaccine Program eligible vaccines – See *Indiana Publicly Funded Adult Vaccine Eligibility Statement*
- Set funding amount that does not change with need

**Private Purchase Vaccine** Any vaccine purchased through the manufacturer directly by your facility.

### Outbreaks & Mass Vaccination Campaigns

- **As of January 1, 2011**, there are currently no approved mass vaccination campaigns that permit the administration of publicly funded vaccine to all children and/or adults regardless of eligibility.
- Previously Approved Mass Vaccination Campaigns
  - H1N1 Campaign – Ended in Spring 2010, all vaccine for H1N1 was purchased by the federal government and made available to all children and adults.
  - School Vaccination Campaign – In 2010 the new school required vaccines, Tdap, MCV & Varicella, were purchased using limited ARRA funds, in addition to state and 317 funds. All students 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade were eligible to receive publicly funded vaccine during mass clinics.
- Mass vaccination campaigns to address specific disease outbreaks may be approved as recommended by the Epidemiology Resource Center (ERC).

### Additional Information

#### Administration Fees

- A child may never be turned away for the inability to pay an administration fee.
- Donations may be accepted, but are voluntary and must have no effect on whether the child will be vaccinated.
- Medicaid Reimbursement is \$8.00 per immunization.
  - No amount of money can be charged to a Medicaid covered child as an out of pocket expense.
  - The vaccine administration fee for a Medicaid covered child must be billed to Medicaid if seeking payment.
- All other eligibility categories have a maximum administration fee per immunization for out of pocket of \$20.32.

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Birth through 18 years of age					
<b>Eligibility Category</b>	<b>Medicaid</b>	<b>No Health Insurance</b>	<b>American Indian/ Native Alaskan</b>	<b>Insurance Does Not Cover Vaccines (Underinsured)</b>	<b>Fully Insured</b>
<b>Definition</b>	A child who has any form of Medicaid insurance.*	A child who does <b>not</b> have health insurance.	A child who identifies as an American Indian or Alaskan Native, regardless of insurance.	A child who have commercial (private) health insurance but the coverage does not include vaccines, a child whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (eligible for non-covered vaccines only), or a child whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount (once that coverage amount is reached, this child is categorized as underinsured).	A child who has health insurance which provides coverage for vaccines.
<b>Can they receive publicly funded vaccine?</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>FQHC/RHC &amp; Providers w/DOA: VFC Funds All Other Providers: State &amp; 317 Funds (using VFC inventory)</i>	No! Should receive privately purchased vaccine.
<b>CHIRP Marking</b>	Medicaid	No Health Insurance	American Indian/ Native Alaskan	Insurance Does Not Cover Vaccines	Fully Insured
<b>Funding Source</b>	VFC Funds	VFC Funds	VFC Funds	<i>FQHC/RHC &amp; Providers w/DOA: VFC Funds All Other Providers: State &amp; 317 Funds**</i>	Private Purchase by Provider

\*Patients who have Medicaid as secondary insurance do not qualify for VFC. Further explanation and exceptions are listed on page 1-2 of Policy 2.

\*\*When State & 317 Funds Are Exhausted

- Only FQHC/RHC and Providers with a DOA will be able to vaccinate underinsured children with publicly funded vaccine.

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#### Vaccine Accountability

- All immunization providers are required to account for all publicly funded vaccine. This can be done by documenting all vaccination and eligibility information in CHIRP.