

Understanding Patient VFC Program Eligibility



Children eligible for the VFC program include those 18 years and younger and one of the following

- ▷ Uninsured or Underinsured.
- ▷ Medicaid Title 19 or 21 eligible.
- ▷ American Indian or Alaskan Native.

Children who are underinsured can access VFC vaccines at federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), rural health clinics, and some local health departments that are deputized by FQHCs or RHCs.

Special Situations:

If a child has Medicaid as their secondary insurance, they are still eligible to receive VFC vaccines. In this case you can:

Administer VFC vaccines and bill Medicaid for the administration fee

—OR—

Administer private vaccines and bill Medicaid for both the cost of the vaccine and the administration fee

Choose the option that results in the lowest cost to the family. Find more about coding on the AAP's Vaccine Financing and Coding webpage: bit.ly/vaccine-coding

You can use the **Pediatric Vaccines Patient Eligibility Screening Record** to help determine eligibility. Eligibility criteria must be documented either on this form or in the electronic medical record.

Download the form here:
bit.ly/patient-screening

