

VFC Enrollment Overview

What is the VFC program?

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides all vaccines on the CDC immunization schedule at no cost to eligible children.



Why Should I Enroll?

By becoming a VFC provider, you are:

- ▶ Increasing access to vaccines, including those that are required for school entry in Illinois
- ▶ Helping to increase health equity
- ▶ Actively working to ensure your patients who may not otherwise be able to access vaccines, receive protection from vaccine preventable illnesses
- ▶ Streamlining your practice workflows and services for families, as it may reduce the number of referrals needed for uninsured or underinsured children to be vaccinated at no cost

What is Required to Enroll in the VFC Program?

Site Requirements

- ▶ Be licensed in Illinois to administer vaccines to children 18 years old and younger.
- ▶ Be willing and able to follow all VFC program policies and procedures, including participation in site visits and educational opportunities.
- ▶ Have the capacity to order, receive, manage, store, and monitor the temperature of public vaccines.
- ▶ Be open at least four consecutive hours, three days a week, to receive vaccine deliveries.
- ▶ Record keeping and reporting adverse reactions to VAERS and MedWatch.

Administrative Requirements

CDC's Provider Agreement

- ▶ The provider signing the Provider Agreement for a multi-provider practice must have the authority to sign on behalf of the entity.
- ▶ All licensed health care providers (MD, DO, NP, PA, pharmacist) at your facility with prescribing authority must be listed with professional license numbers and individual NPI numbers (VFC Enrollment Form).

Provider Population Profile

- ▶ All VFC programs must determine individual provider populations served and associated vaccine need by funding type.
- ▶ This ensures publicly purchased vaccines are distributed in amounts representing the patient population served and to adjust as populations change

VFC Enrollment Maintenance



What is Required to Maintain Enrollment in the VFC Program?

Site Requirements

- ▶ Provider Population Profile must be updated annually or when order patterns indicate a change.
- ▶ Annual training on the VFC program and vaccine storage/handling.
- ▶ All VFC providers must recertify their enrollment every other year to continue participating in the VFC program. This includes:
 - Reviewing/agreeing to the VFC Eligibility
 - Reviewing/agreeing to the VFC Loss and Replacement Policies
 - Reviewing, signing, and uploading the VFC Provider Agreement
- ▶ IDPH and CDPH will support clinics in VFC program enrollment, implementation, and maintenance.

Refer to CDPH or IDPH's VFC manuals for more information on maintaining enrollment.

Utilize this support portal to submit any questions you might have about the VFC program and to **get connected with a peer advisor who can support you** in launching or managing a VFC program at your clinic.

Support Portal
bit.ly/icaap-vfc-support

