



PA VFC PROVIDER

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2015 Provider Satisfaction Survey

On December 4, 2015, 1,470 enrolled PA VFC facilities were sent the “2015 Provider Satisfaction Survey” via an email containing a Survey Monkey hyperlink. A total of 498 PA VFC facilities completed the online survey representing a response rate of 34%.

Principal findings from the 498 completed surveys indicated the following:

- Ninety-seven percent of providers indicated they agreed or strongly agreed that overall they were satisfied with the PA VFC program.
- Ninety-nine percent of providers expressed a level of satisfaction with the condition of vaccine upon arrival.
- Ninety-six percent of respondents indicated they agreed or strongly agreed with their satisfaction with requirements regarding proper vaccine storage and handling.
- Ninety-seven percent of providers indicated they agreed or strongly agreed with their satisfaction with “The vaccine ordering and distribution process”.

The survey tool is part of the PA VFC Program’s continuous improvement process and feedback obtained from respondents will be used to improve service delivery in identified program areas. Our survey’s margin of error was 3.6% with a 95% confidence level and a response distribution of 50%.

You are the Key to HPV Prevention

The video recorded webinar "[You are the Key to HPV Prevention](#)" will increase awareness about HPV vaccination as well as provide ways to communicate with parents and patients about HPV vaccination. Loren K. Robinson, M.D., Deputy Secretary for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention for the Pennsylvania Department of Health served as the host. The featured speaker was Jill B. Roark, M.P.H., Health Communications Specialist for CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases.

You Call the Shots "HPV"

The online video presents practice-oriented content about HPV immunization. It is also an excellent review for a seasoned healthcare provider. The training provides comprehensive core knowledge about HPV immunizations to new providers, VFC coordinators, nurses, etc. The video can be accessed at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/nip/isd/ycts/mod1/courses/hpv/start.asp>. Continuing education units (CEU) are offered and at the conclusion of the session the participant will be able to:

1. Describe the HPV including the causative agent of HPV.
2. List the groups at highest risk of HPV.
3. Identify those for whom routine immunization is recommended of HPV.
4. Describe characteristics of the vaccine used to prevent this disease. (Characteristics may include schedule, contraindications, and/or adverse reactions.)
5. Locate resources relevant to current immunization practice.

Vaccine Cold Chain Protocol

Highlights from the "2016" Cold Chain Failure Protocol are listed below. Vaccine Cold Chain Protocols provide vaccine-handling procedures to maintain the cold chain and action steps to be taken in the event of a cold chain failure by provider sites receiving vaccine from the Department of Health (DOH). Please access the following hyperlink for additional information at http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Immunizations/Vaccines-for-Children/Documents/Cold_Chain_Bulletin_final_2.1.16.pdf.

- **Effective 2016**, all vaccines stored in a dormitory style unit are considered non-viable and must be returned to McKesson Specialty Distribution. Complete and submit a Vaccine Return Form found in the *VFC Provider Handbook*, section 6.
- **Effective 2017**, if a DOH approved household combination unit is not accompanied by a stand-alone freezer, providers will be immediately suspended from ordering all VFC vaccines. Providers will remain suspended until a stand-alone freezer is acquired. After one year of suspension, the provider will be disenrolled from the VFC program.
- **Effective 2018**, CDC will require all VFC providers to purchase a digital data logger with an active temperature display, continuous monitoring and recording capabilities, and a detachable biosafe glycol-encased probe in all VFC storage units. Please refer to PA digital data logger policy in the VFC provider handbook, section 6J.

If you have any questions regarding the revised policy please contact the Division of Immunizations at (888) 646-6864.

MCV 4 You're Not Done Campaign

The MCV4 “You’re Not Done Campaign” is a national campaign to improve protection from meningococcal disease. Moreover, it is a joint project of the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) and Sanofi Pasteur. IAC has taken a leadership role in raising awareness on the need to improve second-dose immunization rates and providing resources to all immunizers for the purpose of improving MCV4 immunization rates.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1** Recognize the increased risk of meningococcal disease in your adolescent patients.
- 2** Make sure your adolescent patients (including those who are not college-bound) are fully vaccinated against meningococcal disease.
- 3** Give the first dose of MCV4 at 11–12 years of age and the second dose at 16 years of age.

Please access the following website, www.give2mcv4.org which contains **useful information on why a second dose is important, how to increase vaccination rates, and essential tools for health care providers** to use when talking about meningococcal disease and its potentially deadly effects. For more information on IAC and their overall mission, visit their website, www.immunize.org

Question of the Month?

Question: If children 19 years of age are covered under the Medicaid program, are these children eligible for vaccine purchased by the VFC program?

Answer: No. The VFC law defines eligible children as those 18 years of age and under. Medicaid would be responsible for providing necessary vaccination for eligible persons 19 years of age.