



PA VFC PROVIDER

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Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of Immunizations

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2016 PA VFC Program Provider Handbook

The PA VFC Program “**2016 PA VFC Program Provider Handbook**” is currently available on the web at <http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Immunizations/Vaccines-for-Children/Pages/VFC-Provider-Handbook.aspx#.V1h8QPLD9D->. Hard-copy versions of the 2016 PA VFC Program Provider Handbook are being distributed via the US Postal Service and should arrive within the next few weeks at your facility. To download the VFC Provider Handbook to your desktop, first click on the following hyperlink [2016 PA VFC Handbook](#) and please allow time for the large document to load, next simply download the pdf file to your desktop. Please contact the PA VFC toll free line at 888-646-6864 for any questions or assistance.

VFC Re-enrollment Process Begins December 2016

Annual VFC re-enrollment is scheduled to begin December 2016 through January 2017. For the second consecutive year the PA VFC Program will enable providers to complete annual VFC re-enrollment online. The PA-SIIS website <https://siis.health.state.pa.us/siis/index.asp> will host the annual re-enrollment process at the beginning of each calendar year. The VFC Program will notify providers prior to the required annual enrollment deadline. A small number of paper-based forms will be available, for providers without online PA-SIIS access. For more information please, contact the Division of Immunizations at 717-787-5681.

Nonviable Vaccine Return

All unopened non-viable vaccine, including influenza vaccine, if ordered through the Department of Health, should be returned to McKesson ARS Specialty for Federal Excise Tax credit **within six months following the expiration date**. Expiration dates exceeding six months will be accepted. The vaccine return and accountability form must be completed for returning all vaccines (Section 6-F) and can be accessed at [Vaccine Return and Accountability Form](#).

An important reminder when returning expired or spoiled vaccine to McKesson:

- Use the NDC#s from the spoiled or **expired box** not the vial or syringe NDC#

Reminder: Influenza Vaccine Ordering

In preparation for the 2016-2017 influenza season, the PA VFC Program mailed the annual influenza packet to all PA VFC providers during the week of June 1st. To ensure that your facility obtains adequate amounts of influenza vaccine, please indicate the number of anticipated doses for the 2016-2017 influenza season on the “Influenza Vaccine Ordering Form” contained within the annual influenza packet. Completed influenza order forms may be emailed to paimmunizations@pa.gov or faxed to (717) 441-3777 or (717) 441-3800. Please submit your orders by **July 29, 2016**. Distribution of the influenza vaccine should begin in September or October.

If you have questions, please direct any questions regarding influenza vaccine ordering to Connie Andescavage and clinical questions to Marilyn Black at (717) 787-5681.

Zoster Special Initiative for Adults

Effective immediately, zoster vaccinations will be available at DOH State Health Centers (SHC), County and Municipal Health Departments (CMHD), DOH approved Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), and Rural Health Clinics (RHC) until August 31, 2016 or while supplies last. The Department has limited funding provided under Section 317 of the Public Health Service Act for the Zoster vaccine special initiative. **Adults are eligible for Section 317 funded vaccines if they are uninsured or underinsured.** A list of SHC can be found at http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/State%20Health%20Centers/Pages/default.aspx#.V17_XfLD9D8 Zoster vaccines will be administered per ACIP guidelines. If you have any questions, call your local VFC immunization nurse or phone the Division of Immunizations toll free at 888-646-6864.

Question of the Month?

Question:

If a child has health insurance that covers vaccinations but has a high deductible, is that child VFC eligible?

Answer:

No. Children who have health insurance but have high deductibles are considered insured. Once the deductible is met, insurance covers vaccinations.