

Pennsylvania Division of Immunizations Federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

The ACIP is a federal advisory panel made up of medical and public health experts that develop recommendations on how to use vaccines to control diseases in the United States.

Once a new or amended recommendation is published, the ACIP approves it for inclusion in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program by passing a VFC resolution. VFC resolutions determine what vaccines are available through the CDC contracts, including dosage, schedule, and contraindications. VFC resolutions are the rules that providers must follow when administering vaccines under the VFC program.

All VFC/317 providers agree to comply with immunization schedules, dosages, and contraindications established by the ACIP:

- In the provider's medical judgment, and in accordance with accepted medical practice, the provider deems such compliance to be medically inappropriate; or
- The requirement(s) contradicts a parent's or guardian's religious or other beliefs.