Vaccines for Children
Provider Notice

Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of Immunizations

January 2018

Re-enrollment Ends January 31

On January 2, 2018, the Pennsylvania Vaccines for Children program launched the annual online re-enrollment process for providers to complete their annual VFC Program Provider Agreement online. If a provider has not already finished this process, they must do so before the re-enrollment end date of January 31, 2018, or they will not be able to order vaccine.

The following instructions highlight important details regarding provider responsibilities for annual re-enrollment.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) mandates all facilities complete the online 2018 Provider Agreement. The PA-SIIS website https://siis.health.state.pa.us/siis/index.asp will host the annual re-enrollment process. Instructions on how to complete the annual re-enrollment process will be provided.

Your facility must complete the re-enrollment process to place vaccine orders. To participate in the Vaccines for Children program and/or receive vaccine provided at no cost, the annual training requirement must be completed, box checked and your facility’s medical director (or equivalent physician) must check the acknowledgment box and electronically sign the online 2018 Program Provider Agreement.

Once you have completed re-enrollment (allow two to three business days) you will receive an email from PA-SIIS notifying you that your facility’s annual recertification process is completed and approved for vaccine ordering. The deadline to complete the re-enrollment process is Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018. No orders can be placed until re-enrollment has been approved by the Department of Health.

Current copies of certificates of calibration for digital data loggers must accompany the Program Provider Agreement to document compliance with CDC digital data logger requirement. Providers can fax, email or mail a copy to the program. Please include your provider pin on the copy of the certificate. Re-enrollments will not be processed without this information.

Fax: 717-214-7223 or 717-425-7972.
Email: RA-pavfc@pa.gov with the phrase certificate and pin in subject line.
Mail: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Immunizations, 625 Forster St., Room 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17120
Providers who do not re-enroll

Those providers who choose to not re-enroll will be processed for disenrollment. Please be aware that vaccine must be stored at the proper temperature and all Vaccine for Children requirements must be maintained until picked up by a program nurse.

Please contact the VFC program to arrange for vaccine pick up as soon as possible at 717-787-5681.

2017 Provider Satisfaction Survey

As a program provider, your opinion is important to the continued success of the Vaccines for Children program. To help improve program quality, please complete the 2017 Pennsylvania Vaccines for Children Program Satisfaction Survey.

Please have the Vaccines For Children coordinator or office staff member most familiar with the program complete the survey by February 28, 2018. It should only take a few minutes to complete, and all information you provide will be managed confidentially. Responses to the survey should be based on your VFC program experiences during the 2017 calendar year. The survey is available online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDFWZ9F

Question of the Month

Question: Can you suggest some sites with vaccine information that providers can share with parents?

Answer: There are several sites with information on vaccine schedules and safety that can be accessed by providers. Along with e versions, parental handouts can also be printed for provider use.

- http://immunize.org
- https://www.cdc.gov Electronic version of the Parent’s Guide to Childhood Immunizations can be found here, while up to 25 copies at a time can be ordered free of cost.
- https://healthychildren.org/English/Pages/default.aspx Site can be viewed in both English and Spanish.

Please add the Vaccines For Children email to your address book: RA-pavfc@pa.gov