

# Vaccines for Children Program

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program helps provide vaccines to children whose parents or guardians may face financial barriers to accessing them. This helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccinations on schedule. Vaccines available through the VFC Program are those recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). These vaccines protect babies, young children, and adolescents from various diseases.

## So why enroll in the VFC Program?

- It provides government funded ACIP vaccines to your practice for patients eligible for VFC vaccines limiting your out-of-pocket costs.
- It will enhance services you provide to populations receiving Medicaid benefits.
- Any provider authorized to prescribe vaccines under your state law can be a VFC Provider.
- Over the past decade, both general and immunization specific pediatric “best practices” have included the administering of a child’s immunizations in their medical home (their regular source of primary care).
- It ensures our communities are healthy and safe from preventable disease.

## What patients are eligible?

Children through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following criteria are eligible to receive VFC vaccine:

- Medicaid eligible
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Underinsured

For more information and to enroll your practice into the program, scan the QR code at the bottom or go to:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/immunizations/Pages/VFC.aspx>

