

How the Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program Can Help Your Hospital

Vaccines For Children (VFC) is a federal entitlement program that provides vaccines at no cost to eligible children. To qualify for VFC, children must be 18 years of age or younger and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Medicaid-eligible (or covered)
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Uninsured
 - Underinsured (i.e., has insurance but it does not cover the cost of vaccine) and receiving services at a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic
- The VFC program helps hospitals by providing vaccines at no cost for their

VFC-eligible patients. Hepatitis B vaccine for newborns is covered under the VFC program along with all routinely recommended vaccines for children and teens.

There is no charge for a hospital to become a VFC provider.

All states, territories, and the District of Columbia have VFC coordinators who can answer questions about enrolling in the program. To find contact information for your area's VFC coordinator, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/contacts-state.html.

