

# Vaccines for Children Program



The Vaccines for Children Program helps provide vaccines to children whose parents or guardians may not be able to afford them. This can help ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccinations on schedule.

## Benefits of the VFC Program

Being a VFC provider is a sound investment in your practice and patients. It reduces your up-front costs because you will not have to pay to purchase vaccines for VFC-eligible children. Also, you can charge an administrative fee to offset your costs of doing business. Your patients benefit because they won't have to go somewhere else to get the vaccines they need.

## The VFC Program will:

- Keep your patients in their medical home
- Reduce your up-front costs
- Help provide quality care to vulnerable children and adolescents

## Becoming a VFC provider

- Contact Michigan's VFC coordinator to request enrollment.
- Complete the State Provider Enrollment forms and return them as soon as possible.
- Once you have completed and returned enrollment forms, prepare for a site visit to go over the program's administrative requirements and proper storage and handling of vaccines.
- VFC providers work with their local health department to obtain support in ensuring that VFC requirements are followed per CDC and MDHHS requirements.
- The local health department is a provider's main contact for VFC-related questions and can also offer additional support on partnering to improve vaccination rates and practices.

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