



Become a Vaccines for Children (VFC) Provider

Interested in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program?

Why Join VFC?

- Reduce costs
 - Receive federally funded vaccine for your eligible patients
 - Vaccine administration fees may be assessed
- Provide all ACIP-recommended immunizations!
- Help reduce vaccine inequity. VFC-eligible patients can receive vaccines at no cost.
- Improve immunization rates in your community – OCHD can provide Quality Improvement help!

VFC-eligible patients are less than 19 years old and meet one of the following criteria:

- Medicaid-eligible
- Uninsured
- Underinsured (i.e., has insurance, but it does not cover all ACIP-recommended vaccines)
- American Indian or Alaska Native

How do I become a VFC Provider?

- 1 **Review** Michigan VFC details: OakGov.info/IAP. Click on OCHD VFC Provider Resource Page.
- 2 **Contact** OCHD IAP to discuss: ochdvfc@oakgov.com
- 3 **Fill out** the enrollment application via your Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) site.
- 4 **Receive** a site visit and training from Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) to review requirements and ensure proper vaccine storage and handling.
- 5 **Inform** your patients that you are now a VFC Provider!

Being a VFC provider is a sound investment in your practice and your patients!

Overview of Michigan's VFC Program

VFC at a Glance

Enrollment

- Submit enrollment application via your MCIR site.
- OCHD can answer questions, provide training and do an enrollment visit.
- Providers must enroll annually via the MCIR site.

Training & Site Visits

- Designate a [VFC Primary and Backup Vaccine Coordinator](#). Coordinators must complete training:
 - MCIR vaccine inventory module training via www.mcir.org
 - [Annual VFC and Vaccine Storage and Handling](#).
- Create and maintain a Vaccine Management and Emergency Response Plan. Templates are [here](#)!
- Receive VFC compliance visits by OCHD IAP every 1-2 years.

Vaccine Storage & Handling

- Storage units must meet Michigan Department of Health & Human Services VFC requirements.
- Temperature devices must meet digital data logger (DDL) requirements.
- Ensure an additional "backup" DDL is readily available.
- Assess and document temperatures twice daily, including morning minimum/maximum temperatures.
- Report any temperature excursions or vaccine losses to OCHD immediately.

Screening & Eligibility

- Screen patient eligibility at each immunization visit; provide VFC vaccine only to eligible patients.
- Eligible patients are less than 19 years old and meet one or more of the following criteria: Medicaid-eligible, uninsured, underinsured, Alaska Native or American Indian.

Inventory Management

- Balance inventory monthly (count vaccines and reconcile in your MCIR site).
- Send handwritten temperature logs, data logger graphs, and MCIR reports to OCHD for review.
- Stock and offer all routine ACIP-recommended immunizations for patients per Provider Profile.

Vaccine Administration

- Administration documentation required: VFC eligibility, vaccine manufacturer, lot number date vaccine and VIS given, VIS publication date, name and title of vaccinator. Timely documentation (less than 72 hours) in MCIR is required.



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Michigan VFC Info here: oakgov.info/IAP

