

Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay. Michigan providers have participated in VFC since 1995.

Being a VFC provider is a sound investment in your practice and your patients. It reduces up-front costs by providing vaccines for VFC-eligible children. Your patients benefit by not having to go elsewhere for vaccines, and there's no charge to you, the provider.

The success of this program is built upon the cooperation and collaboration of many agencies. Your participation is vital to increasing Michigan's immunization rates and ensuring all children are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. Eligible patients are less than 19 years old and must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Medicaid-eligible
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Underinsured (example: has insurance, but it doesn't cover all ACIP-recommended vaccines)

Why join VFC?

- Reduce costs: providers don't have to purchase vaccines for eligible patients with your own funds.
- Provide all ACIP-recommended vaccines
- An administration fee may be charged to offset costs of doing business.
- Eligible patients receive vaccines at no cost to them.

VFC providers work with their Local Health Department for support to ensure VFC requirements are followed per CDC and MDHHS guidelines. The LHD is a provider's main contact for VFC-related questions and can also offer additional support to improve vaccination rates and practices.

How do I become a VFC Provider?

1. Review Michigan VFC details: www.michigan.gov/vfc
2. Contact your Local Health Department (michigan.gov/mdhhs/inside-mdhhs/county-offices/lhd) or fill out an enrollment request via Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR).
3. Receive a site visit and training from your Local Health Department to review requirements and ensure proper storage and handling of vaccines.
4. Inform your patients and McLaren Health Plan that you are now a VFC Provider!

- **Do you already participate in VFC? Let us know!**

McLaren Health Plan is capturing this information to include in our Provider Directory to assist members seeking vaccination treatment options for their children. Notify MHP of VFC status at surveymonkey.com/r/mhp_vfc or scan the QR code below.



For more information, visit Michigan.gov to access MDHHS' [VFC Resource Guide](#) and these additional resources:

- [MI VFC Provider Manual](#)
- [MI VFC Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- VFC program: Vaccines for Uninsured Children, visit: cdc.gov