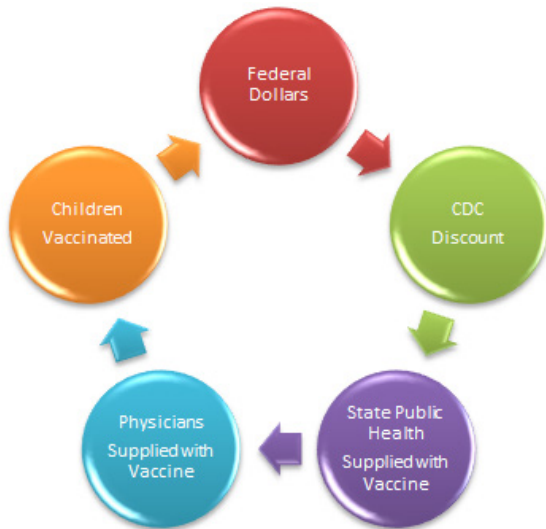


Billing and Coding – Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

VFC – Introduction

The federally funded VFC Program provides vaccines at no cost to Medicaid eligible children 18 and younger who might otherwise not be vaccinated.



- Federal dollars for the VFC program is allocated to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- The CDC buys vaccines at a discount and distributes them to state health departments and certain other public health agencies, which in turn distribute the vaccines at no charge to those private physician offices and public health clinics registered as VFC providers.
- Physicians vaccinate children and bill Medicaid for an administration fee.

Any physician interested in becoming a VFC provider may:

- Visit the [Kentucky Immunization Registry](#) (KYIR) and complete the required enrollment forms.
- Call the KYIR at (502) 564-0038 for more information.
- Contact the [territory VFC program coordinator](#).
- Review the [VFC Provider Manual](#), which outlines a number of Kentucky Administrative Regulations and policies, including vaccine storage and handling.

After enrollment, the VFC office will schedule a site visit. During the visit, a representative from the program will review the program's administrative requirements and the proper storage and handling of vaccines with physicians and staff.

VFC – Generally Covered Vaccinations

Vaccinations usually provided under the VFC program include:

- Diphtheria
- Hemophilus influenza type b
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Human papillomavirus
- Influenza
- Measles
- Meningococcal disease
- Mumps
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Polio
- Rotavirus
- Rubella
- Tetanus
- Varicella

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VFC –Billing and Coding Important Reminder

Because VFC vaccines are supplied by the State to the physician at no charge, the physician may only be reimbursed for the administration fee. (For vaccines purchased outside of the VFC program, Medicaid MCOs reimburse for both the vaccine and administration costs.)

- Append the SL modifier (State supplied vaccine) to vaccine codes when billing for drugs furnished through the VFC Program. (Do not append the SL modifier when billing for drugs purchased outside of the VFC Program.)

VFC – CPT and ICD-10 Coding Example

90716SL: Varicella virus vaccine, live, for subcutaneous – 90716 and modifier SL (VFC only)

90460: Immunization administration through age 18 via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health professional; first vaccine/toxoid component

Z23: ICD-10-CM – Encounter for immunization

VFC – ICD-10-CM

The diagnosis codes for an encounter for vaccinations are found in the Z code category (Factors Influencing Health Status and Contact with Health Services) of ICD-10-CM. If a patient is being seen for a specific disease or symptom, report the code for the disease or symptom, as well as a code for the vaccination.

Diagnosis codes used for vaccinations are categorized as follows:

- Individuals with potential health hazards related to communicable diseases, including patients who have been exposed to or had contact with someone with a communicable disease.
- Encounters for inoculations and vaccinations, including prophylactic administration of vaccines.
- Encounters during which a planned immunization was not carried out.

Refer to the latest edition of [ICD-10-CM](#) for complete coding instructions and guidelines.

VFC – Administration Reimbursement

Reimbursement for vaccine administration is based on the individual physician contract with the Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) although the typical reimbursement fee for vaccine administration for Kentucky physicians is currently **\$3.30**.

Contact KMA at lady@kyma.org with other vaccine coding questions.