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IHCP revises reimbursement policy for vaccines purchased outside the VFC program

To guarantee that all children enrolled in the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) receive immunizations as needed, the IHCP is revising the reimbursement policy for vaccines purchased outside the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Vaccines purchased by providers outside the VFC program are known as private stock vaccines. Effective June 1, 2017, the IHCP will reimburse providers for private stock vaccines. This policy change applies to all IHCP programs, subject to limitations established for certain benefit plans. This change applies to dates of service (DOS) on or after June 1, 2017.

For vaccines that are not part of the VFC program – or for vaccines that are typically part of the VFC program, but have been purchased or supplied out of private stock – providers may bill for both the vaccine Current Procedural Terminology (CPT^{®1}) code and its administration (using CPT code 90471, 90472, 90473, or 90474). As a reminder, vaccines supplied from VFC stock are reimbursed for the administration only, not the vaccine itself. Claims for VFC stock should be billed with the vaccine CPT code with a billed amount of \$0 and the appropriate administration code with the SL modifier.



The following vaccine billing guidance remains in effect, regardless of the source of the vaccine stock:

- If more than one vaccine is administered on the same DOS, providers may bill an administration code for each injection.
- If an evaluation and management (E/M) service code is billed with the same DOS as one or more office-administered immunization, providers should not bill the vaccine administration separately. Reimbursement for the administration is included in the E/M code-allowed reimbursement amount. Separate reimbursement is allowed only when the administration of the drug is the only service billed by the practitioner on that DOS.

See the [Injections, Vaccines, and Other Physician-Administered Drugs](#) provider reference module for additional information.

VFC is a federal program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay. Children who are eligible for VFC are entitled to receive all vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Children 18 years old and younger who are enrolled in Medicaid are eligible to receive vaccines through the VFC program. The IHCP encourages providers to enroll in the VFC program, which is administered by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). For more information about the VFC program, contact the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Indiana Immunization Program at (317) 233-7704 or 1-800-701-0704.

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