



INDIANA MEDICAID UPDATE

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TO: All Indiana Medicaid Providers of Family and Pediatric Care

SUBJECT: Vaccines For Children Program Vaccine Administration Fee

Effective July 1, 1998, Indiana Medicaid reimbursement for vaccine administration of any vaccine available through the federal Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program will be limited to \$8.00 when the vaccine is administered to a child age 18 years or under. All Medicaid-eligible children under the age of 19 years are eligible to receive VFC vaccines, which are available at no cost from the federal Vaccines For Children Program. If you have not already done so, please contact the Indiana State Medical Association at (800) 257-4762 to enroll in the VFC Program and begin receiving a supply of free VFC vaccines against the following diseases: diphtheria, Hemophilus influenza type b, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis, poliomyelitis, tetanus and varicella.

Claims Edits

Medicaid will soon have claims edits in place to automatically limit Medicaid payment for administration of VFC-available vaccines. When these edits are in place, the Medicaid claims processing system will pay the lesser of \$8.00 or the submitted charge for any of the vaccine procedure codes listed below when administered to a Medicaid recipient 18 years of age or under. Note: claims for administration of these vaccines to Medicaid recipients over age 18 years will be paid at the full Medicaid maximum allowable rate for the procedure code.

Until the aforementioned claims edits are operational, providers will be on the "honor system" to bill only the \$8.00 administration fee, or less, for administration of a VFC-available vaccine to a Medicaid-eligible child age 18 years or under for dates of service on or after July 1, 1998. Claims with dates of service July 1, 1998, and forward will be subject to postpayment audit and recoupment if Medicaid providers submit higher charges and receive payment in excess of the \$8.00 maximum. The Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) has had to delay implementation of the Vaccines For Children claims edits in order to allow claims processing systems engineers to work on higher priorities. Thank you for your patience and cooperation when billing Medicaid for VFC vaccines.

REMINDER: If the Medicaid recipient immunized is enrolled in a Hoosier Healthwise Managed Care Organization, claims for VFC vaccine administration must be sent to the patient's MCO.

Procedure Codes For VFC-Available Vaccines

90700 - DTaP	90713 - EIPV	90737 - HIB	90748 - HEP B-Ped-HIB
90702 - DT	90716 - Varicella	90742 - HBIG	
90707 - MMR	90718 - Td	90744 - HEP B-Ped	
90712 - OPV	90721 - DTaP-HIB	90745 - HEP B-Adolesc	

For Assistance Or Additional Information

If you would like additional information about becoming a VFC-enrolled provider or ordering free VFC vaccine, please call Liz Nelson at the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) at (800) 257-4762, ext. 262. For questions concerning Medicaid claims processing or claims submission requirements, please contact EDS Medicaid Provider Assistance at (800) 577-1278, or in the Indianapolis calling area at (317) 655-3240.