

## Medicaid Members Under Age 19 are Eligible for the Vaccines for Children Program

- **Children under age 19** can receive the COVID-19 vaccine at Vaccines for Children (VFC)-enrolled providers, including their practitioner's office, public health clinics, most county health departments, and any Medicaid- or VFC-enrolled pharmacy.
- **Pharmacies that are dually enrolled in NY Medicaid and VFC** may immunize children as follows, in accordance with the PREP Act and/or state law:
  - **COVID-19 vaccine** can be administered to **children aged 3 to 19**
  - **Influenza vaccine** can be administered to **children aged 2 to 19**
- **Adults aged 19 and older:** NY Medicaid reimburses for the COVID-19 vaccine and its administration at qualified pharmacies.

[The VFC program](#) helps provide vaccines to children whose parents or guardians may not be able to afford them. This helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccinations on schedule.

Vaccines available through the VFC program are those recommended by the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#). These vaccines protect babies, young children, and adolescents from the diseases listed [here](#).

### Additional VFC Program Reminders

- Vaccines recommended by APIC for children younger than 19 are provided to Medicaid members, both fee-for-service (FFS) and Medicaid Managed Care (MMC), free of charge by the VFC program.
- Pharmacies can enroll in the VFC program to provide vaccines to Medicaid members under age 19. Please note:
  - **The VFC program is currently enrolling pharmacies to receive the influenza vaccine only.**

# Provider Alert

- **Pharmacies may not bill Medicaid for the cost of the following vaccines for patients under age 19:** pneumococcal; meningococcal; tetanus; diphtheria and pertussis; hepatitis A; hepatitis B; human papillomavirus; measles, mumps, and rubella; and varicella.
- Medicaid members under age 19 are VFC-eligible and may receive vaccines through a VFC-enrolled healthcare practice or clinic.
- Pharmacies that bill Medicaid for the cost of vaccines that are available through the VFC program are subject to recovery of payment.
- Pharmacies that are not enrolled in the VFC program may provide vaccines for children under age 19, at no charge to the member or Medicaid program. NY Medicaid will reimburse these pharmacies an administration fee of \$25.10.
- Additional information on the VFC program, based on location, can be found here:
  - [New York City](#)
  - [Outside New York City](#)

## Provider Resources

- [NY Medicaid Pharmacists as Immunizers Fact Sheet](#) has information on how to bill for vaccines for patients of all ages
- [New York State Medicaid Coverage Policy and Billing Guidance for Pharmacy Providers for the 2023–2024 COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Getting a Flu Vaccine and other Recommended Vaccines at the Same Time](#)
- Pharmacies may call eMedNY at **1-800-343-9000** for billing assistance

If you have any questions, please call Provider Services at **1-888-801-1660**, Monday to Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm.