

Vermont Immunization Program Overview

Vermont's Immunization Program purchases vaccine through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) contract, funded by the federal Vaccines for Children program, fees assessed on health insurers who cover Vermont lives, and limited discretionary federal 317 funding. Eligible medical practices enrolled in the Vermont Child Vaccine Program (VCVP) and/or Vermont Adult Vaccine Program (VAVP) can order recommended vaccines at no cost, for administration to all patients from birth through age 64.

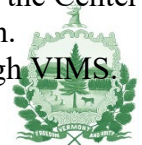
Vermont Child Vaccine Program (VCVP)

The Vermont Child Vaccine Program (VCVP) covers those eligible for the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, as well as the privately insured population under age 19.

- **VFC-** Congress created the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program in 1993. The goal of the VFC Program is to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases by removing or reducing cost barriers. The VFC program is funded by federal entitlement money guaranteed to each state to buy vaccine for children who are
 - Medicaid eligible,
 - uninsured,
 - underinsured (defined in this case as a health insurance policy that doesn't cover vaccination services), or
 - Alaskan native or native American.
- **Privately Insured** – Patients <19 years with private insurance that covers all CDC recommended vaccines.

To participate in the VCVP program, providers must agree to:

- Screen patients for VFC eligibility at each visit.
- Order vaccines on-line through the Vaccine Inventory Management System (VIMS), which is part of Vermont's Immunization Registry.
- Permit representatives of the Immunization Program access to provider practices and patient immunization records during site visits.
- Administer vaccines according to the CDC Recommended Immunization Schedule, unless medically contraindicated.
- Provide Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) in accordance with the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act and document that the VIS was given in the immunization record.
- Not charge for any vaccine provided through the VCVP program.
- Not impose an administration charge higher than the maximum fee established by the Center for Medicaid Services for Vermont (\$21.22) for non- Medicaid, VFC eligible children.
- Report vaccine usage, wastage and inventory to the Immunization Program through VIMS.
- Adhere to all vaccine storage and handling requirements.
- Maintain immunization records for a period of at least three years.





Vermont Adult Vaccine Program (VAVP)

In 2007, the Vermont Department of Health initiated a program to provide adult (age 19-64) vaccines at no cost to provider practices. This program, known as the Vermont Adult Vaccine Program (VAVP) is modeled after the VCVF program. All primary care and OB/GYN providers may enroll.

To participate in the VAVP program, providers must agree to:

- Serve adults 19-64 years
- Order vaccines on-line through the Vaccine Inventory Management System (VIMS), which is part of the Vermont Immunization Registry.
- Permit representatives of the Immunization Program access to provider practices and patient immunization records during site visits.
- Administer vaccines according to the CDC Recommended Immunization Schedule, unless medically contraindicated.
- Provide Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) and document that the VIS was given in the immunization record.
- Report vaccine usage, wastage and inventory to the Immunization Program through VIMS.
- Adhere to all vaccine storage and handling requirements.
- Not charge for any vaccine provided through the VAVP program.

To enroll in the VCVF and/or VAVP program, please contact the Immunization Program by e-mail: ahs.vdhimmunizationprogram@vermont.gov or call 1-800-640-4374.

