



Program Highlights

The Vaccines For Children (VFC) program is a federally funded vaccine supply program designed to remove barriers to immunization services. The goal of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's VFC program is to ensure that 90% of the children in Bexar County are up to date with their immunizations by the age of two.

★ **Your patients are eligible to receive VFC vaccine if they are age 0-18 years and fall into the following categories:**

- 1. Medicaid Enrolled**
- 2. Uninsured**
- 3. Underinsured (have health insurance that does not cover immunizations)**
- 4. American Indian or Alaskan Native (approx. 0.04% of the population of Bexar County)**
- 5. Enrolled in CHIP (non-VFC vaccine is provided for your patients enrolled in CHIP)**

Immunizations provided during TxHealth Steps visits are reimbursed through Medicaid at a rate of \$8.00 per single antigen (ex. IPV), \$12.00 for two vaccine components (ex. Hib+HepB), and \$14.85 for three vaccine components (ex. DTaP+Hep B+IPV). Providers cannot charge Medicaid for the vaccine as it is supplied at no cost through the VFC program. Providers cannot charge their patients enrolled in Medicaid the vaccine administration fee; providers can bill Medicaid to receive the vaccine administration fee.

CHIP also reimburses at a rate of \$4.88 per dose of vaccine administered. Providers cannot bill CHIP for the vaccine, nor can providers charge their CHIP enrolled patients a vaccine administration fee. Providers bill CHIP to receive the vaccine administration fee for their CHIP enrolled patients.

Providers can charge a vaccine administration fee to patients that are Uninsured, Underinsured, and American Indian or Alaskan Native. The state set the administrative fee cap for vaccine administration at \$14.85 per dose. Under the VFC enrollment agreement providers agree not to turn VFC eligible children away for immunizations if the parent/guardian cannot pay the administrative fee. In the event that the family cannot pay the vaccine administrative fee, the fee is waived and the immunizations are provided. It is recommended that providers set a reasonable administrative fee to cover the costs associated with providing immunizations.

Providers enrolled in the VFC program agree to screen patients for VFC eligibility and document their status using the eligibility section of the immunization consent form. Providers must keep one copy of the consent form with eligibility screening completed in the patient's chart as proof of VFC eligibility.

★ **Consent forms are due by mail weekly in the postage paid mailer provided.**

★ **Monthly Reports Due by the 8th of Each Month**

1. Temperature Recording Form
2. Vaccine Inventory Report
3. Vaccine Waste Report

Mail or fax these monthly reports to:
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
Immunization Division, Ste. 108
332 W. Commerce
San Antonio, Texas 78205
FAX (210) 224-5710

Postage paid /Self addressed mailers are supplied to all VFC providers.

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