



Join the New Mexico Vaccines for Children Program!

<https://nmhealth.org/about/phd/idb/imp/vfc/>

Information for Providers

What is the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program?

The VFC program is a federally-funded program that provides vaccines at no cost for children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of an inability to pay. The goal of the VFC Program is to protect against vaccine-preventable diseases by removing or reducing cost barriers to vaccination. Through a combination of Federal and State funding, enrolled providers receive all vaccines at **no cost**.

The public health objective of the Program is to ensure a seamless vaccine distribution system and easy access to all recommended childhood vaccines.

How does VFC work?

CDC contracts with vaccine manufacturers to buy vaccines at reduced rates. Enrolled providers order vaccines through the VFC Program and receive all the routine childhood vaccines at no cost.

What are the benefits of being a VFC Provider?

- Reduce costs
- Provide all ACIP-recommended vaccines
- Increase new patients
- Retain current patients
- Interactive online VFC Provider Map promotes your practice
- Countless benefits to the families in your practice

Who can be a VFC Provider?

New Mexico providers who have a current medical license may apply. Once your application is approved, VFC staff will visit the practice, review and verify the practice's ability to comply with program requirements, and ensure that key staff are trained and the practice or clinic is certified to store and manage VFC vaccines.

VFC Program Requirements

Requirements for participation include:

- VFC providers (except specialty clinics) agree to provide all age-appropriate ACIP-recommended vaccines to children in New Mexico

- Partner with the VFC Program to ensure that program requirements are met, and to protect the integrity of the program, patients, and vaccines
- VFC providers agree to the proper storage and handling of vaccine, including:
 - VFC-approved refrigerators and freezers
 - Vaccine temperature monitoring using digital data loggers
 - Store, count, manage, and administer VFC- and State-provided vaccine separately and appropriately
- Annual recertification
- Participate in scheduled compliance visits and unannounced storage and handling visits
- Reconcile vaccine inventory monthly

VFC Program requirements are summarized in the VFC Provider Addendum found on page six of the Provider Agreement: <https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/form/513/>

How do I sign up?

- Complete your provider agreement: <https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/form/513/>
- Submit your completed provider agreement to: lynne.padilla-truji@state.nm.us ***please note*** that all Provider agreements must be submitted electronically; for instructions on digital signatures, please go to <https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/form/2042/>
- Complete VFC-required training, including CHILI and NMSIIS

For more information, FAQs, educational requirements, etc.:

<https://nmhealth.org/about/phd/idb/imp/vfc/>
www.immunizenm.org