



Join the New Mexico Vaccines for Children Program!

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

Information for Potential VFC 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 routine childhood vaccines delivered directly to their clinic or site, 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.

Some 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
 - Continuous vaccine temperature monitoring using digital data loggers
 - Store, count, manage, and administer all publicly funded vaccines 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 start the enrollment process?

Complete and submit a provider assessment: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F95KMYQ>

Questions? Send an email to our VFC Program Manager, Lynne Padilla: lynne.padilla-truji@state.nm.us

For more online resources and information:

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