



Vaccines for Children (VFC) is a federally funded and state-operated vaccine supply program. The VFC program provides vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) at no cost to the provider. Through the combined efforts of public immunization clinics and a few private physicians, this program strives to increase vaccine coverage levels throughout Nebraska.

The following are some of the requirements and considerations to participate in the VFC program:

- VFC vaccine is for those 18 years of age and younger and have one of the additional criteria:
  - Medicaid enrolled,
  - No insurance,
  - Underinsured (may only receive vaccine at certain locations) or,
  - Native American/Alaskan Native
- Vaccinate regardless of the person's inability to pay.
  - Administration fee one time charge up to \$19.82.
  - Can not send to collections.
  - Must accept Medicaid rate for administration.
- Carry all age appropriate, ACIP recommended vaccines for children seen at clinic.
- Must have a refrigerator and a separate stand-alone freezer with capacity to accommodate the maximum inventory without crowding.
- Keep VFC and private stock separate.
- Comply with all VFC requirements involved with inventory accountability and temperature recording.
- Must have two staff, designated to devote time for the following:
  - Daily monitoring and recording temperatures,
  - Monthly recording and reporting vaccine inventory/usage and,
  - Annual re-enrollment and quality assurance site visits, per program descretion.
- Be able to purchase replacement vaccines for doses lost due to mishandling/misuse.
- Accurately report number of children, by age, and insurance type within practice.

\*\*Please note the Nebraska DHHS Immunization Program does not have funding to assist providers with administration fees, vaccine supplies, or staff compensation. If this screening tool creates questions, please reach out to Ally Kreft at 402.471.0375 or email [alexandra.kreft@nebraska.gov](mailto:alexandra.kreft@nebraska.gov) .