

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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 TO: Medicaid Providers
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 RE: Vaccines for Children (VFC)

Please Share This Information with Administrative, Clinical and Billing Staff

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires that states create a Separate Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for children that are ineligible due to new eligibility methodologies. Children who lose Medicaid or CHIP eligibility (with or without health insurance) due to the elimination of disregards as a result of the conversion to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) shall have protective Medicaid coverage for one year if the child had Medicaid as of December 31, 2013, unless specific conditions are met.

As of January 1, 2014, Nebraska established a separate Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for this population. These children have coverage under SCHIP for one year if the child had Medicaid as of December 31, 2013, unless specific conditions are met. This protected group expires December 31, 2015 and will impact a limited number of children. The children enrolled in this program are considered insured and are not entitled to Vaccines for Children (VFC) program benefits.

Nebraska Medicaid has implemented a process whereby the provider will be able to identify children enrolled in SCHIP based on a printed notice provided by the child’s parent or guardian. This notice does not guarantee coverage; providers will need to verify current coverage through the Nebraska Medicaid Eligibility System (NMES).

Physicians may be reimbursed for private stock for children under the SCHIP plan. When billing Nebraska Medicaid for private stock, the physician should bill the applicable code for the vaccine without the SL modifier. If the child is enrolled with a managed care plan, the vaccine given to this population should be billed to the managed care plan.

Coverage for VFC Vaccines						
Client	VFC Eligible	Not VFC Eligible	Vaccine Provided Through VFC	Vaccine Privately Purchased	Bill Vaccine	Bill Administration Fee
Medicaid	X		X			X
Separate CHIP		X		X	X	X

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