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TO: Nebraska Heritage Health Plans

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RE: Vaccine for Children (VFC) administration fees for patients dually insured with private insurance and Medicaid.

This Health Plan Advisory is being issued to provide guidance to the Heritage Health Plans for processing claims for the VFC administration fee when the member has private insurance.

Effective immediately, Heritage Health Plans must reimburse providers for the VFC administration fee, even when the client has private insurance primary to Medicaid coverage.

Federal regulations require that services covered under Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) must not be cost-avoided when a member has primary health insurance and Medicaid coverage is secondary. Due to the unique nature of the VFC program where the provider must use the VFC stock and Medicaid will only cover the administration fee when the VFC stock used, Heritage Health Plans must cover the administration fee even when the member has primary insurance. This guidance is supported by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) 2016 VFC Operations Guide.

If you have additional questions about this advisory, please contact Leah Spencer, at Leah.Spencer@nebraska.gov. Health plans should also copy their contract manager.