



# Missouri's VFC Program

## What is the VFC Program?

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps families of children who may not otherwise have access to vaccines by providing free vaccines to doctors that serve them. VFC is an entitlement program (a right granted by law) for eligible children, age 18 and below who:

- Are eligible for Medicaid
- Have no health insurance
- Are Native American or Alaska Native
- Have health insurance, but it does not cover immunization, AND they go to a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Center (RHC)

## What can the VFC Program do for your practice?

- Provide **FREE** vaccine to public and private providers, for eligible children.
- Automatically covers vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Discourages the practice of referring children from the private sector to the public sector for vaccination, thereby keeping children in their medical home for comprehensive health care and reducing missed opportunities for vaccination.

## Other benefits:

- No fees to participate
- Regional VFC representative
- Medicaid reimbursement for administration costs
- Free immunization training for staff members

## How do I enroll?

Contact the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance:

- Call us toll free at (800) 219-3224 or
- Visit our website at [www.dhss.mo.gov/immunizations](http://www.dhss.mo.gov/immunizations)