VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

Determining Eligibility for VFC Vaccines Flow Chart

Is the patient 18 years of age or younger?  
No → Patient does not qualify for VFC vaccine.*  
*See coverage criteria for exceptions.

Yes → Is the patient American Indian or an Alaska Native?

No → Is the patient Medicaid-eligible? (Or, does the patient have Medicaid as a secondary insurance?)

No → Does the patient have insurance?

Yes → Does the insurance plan cover immunizations?

Yes → Does the insurance plan have a dollar limit it will cover for vaccines which has been met?

Yes → Does the insurance plan pick and choose which vaccines to cover?

No → Does the insurance plan cover any of the following: 
   o the full cost 
   o a percentage of the cost; or 
   o a limited amount of the cost of the vaccine you want to give the patient***?

Yes → Patient is not eligible for VFC vaccine, use private supply of vaccine.

No → Patient considered uninsured and qualifies for VFC vaccine.

**LPHAs that are not deputized can administer 317 funded vaccines to underinsured children or they may refer to a FQHC or RHC.

***If the patient’s insurance plan covers vaccine, but the deductible has not been met, the patient must be considered insured, and is not eligible for VFC vaccines.

Patient qualifies for VFC vaccine, even if they have insurance. Document the eligibility of these clients on the Immunization Consent and History Form or EMR.

Patient is considered Medicaid and therefore qualifies for VFC vaccine.

Patient considered uninsured and qualifies for VFC vaccine.

Patient considered underinsured and qualifies for VFC vaccine at FQHCs, RHCs and deputized LPHAs.**

Patient considered underinsured for the vaccines the insurance plan will not cover. Patient may receive VFC vaccine for these doses at FQHCs, RHCs and deputized LPHAs.**

Patient considered underinsured and qualifies for VFC vaccine at FQHCs, RHCs and deputized LPHAs.**