

Billing Tips-Vaccine for Children (VFC)

Billing for VFC Vaccines and Administration Fees

MDHHS is providing the final answer regarding the use of a VFC vaccine for a dually insured child (has primary insurance and Medicaid) and billing the administration fee to the primary insurance.

Providers cannot use VFC (free) vaccine and bill the administration fee to the primary insurance. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) stated this is not acceptable.

The CDC VFC program responded with:

“The absence of the language does not mean it is okay to use federal vaccine and then bill the insurance company for the cost of the administration fee. The Ops Guide provides two clear options and describes a direct relationship between the vaccine inventory used and how to bill the administration fee. So if VFC vaccine is used, Medicaid should be billed for the administration fee, not the insurance plan or the parent.”

The two options listed in the VFC Operations Guide can be found at:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/Children_with_More_Than_One_Eligibility_VFC_Ops_121615_509990_7.pdf

This information will be added to the VFC Resource Book for Providers.