

BECOME A VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) PROVIDER



www.michigan.gov/VFC

Interested in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program?

Being a VFC provider is a sound investment in your practice and your patients. It reduces up-front costs by **providing vaccine** for your VFC-eligible children. Your patients benefit by not having to go elsewhere for vaccines, and **there is no charge to you**, the provider.

WHY JOIN VFC?

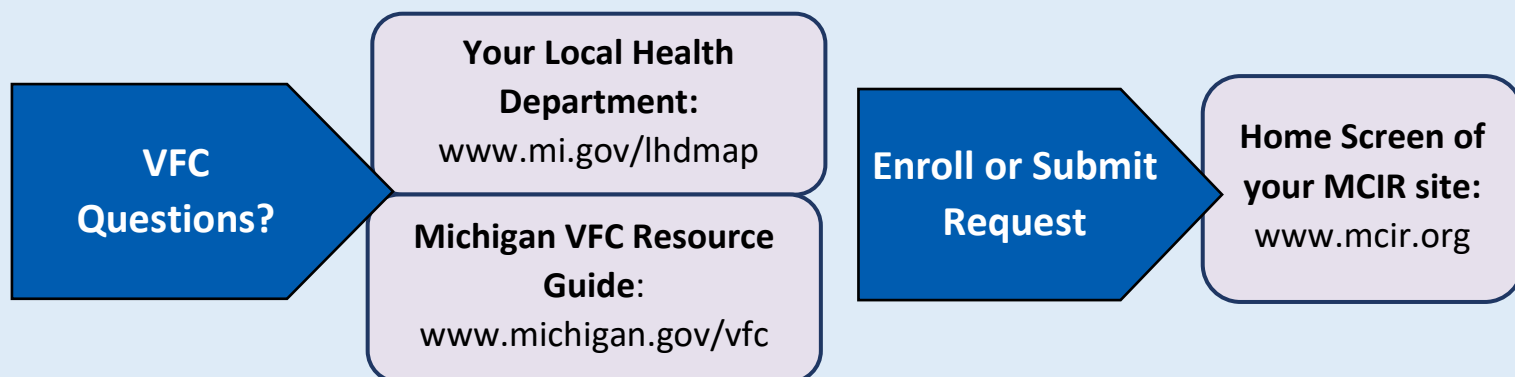
- Reduce costs: You won't have to purchase vaccine for eligible patients with your own money.
- Provide all ACIP-recommended vaccines!
- An administration fee may be charged to offset costs of doing business.
- Eligible patients receive vaccine at no cost to them.

ELIGIBLE PATIENTS ARE LESS THAN 19 YEARS OLD AND MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Medicaid-eligible
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Underinsured (i.e., has insurance, but it does not cover all ACIP-recommended vaccines)

HOW DO I BECOME A VFC PROVIDER?

1. Review Michigan VFC details: www.michigan.gov/vfc
2. Contact your Local Health Department (www.michigan.gov/lhdmap) and/or fill out an enrollment request via Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR).
3. Receive a site visit and training from your Local Health Department to review requirements and ensure proper storage and handling of vaccines.
4. Inform your patients that you are now a VFC Provider!



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Interested in Michigan's VFC Program? Below is a program overview:

VFC AT A GLANCE

Enrollment & Reenrollment

- Enroll or submit enrollment request via your **MCIR Home Screen**: www.mcir.org
- Your Local Health Department (LHD) can answer questions, provide training and do an enrollment visit
- Providers must reenroll annually via MCIR.

Training & Site Visits

- Designate a VFC **Primary and Backup Vaccine Coordinator**. They must complete annual VFC training and training on MCIR vaccine inventory module (VIM).
- Create a Vaccine Management & Emergency Plan, updated annually: Templates at www.michigan.gov/vfc
- Receive VFC Site Visits by the Local Health Department (often yearly, but minimally every two years).

Vaccine Storage & Handling

- Storage units must meet MDHHS VFC requirements.
- Temperature devices must meet digital data logger (DDL) requirements.
 - Ensure an additional "backup" DDL is also readily available.
- **Assess and document temperatures** twice daily, including morning min/max.
- Report any temperature excursions or vaccine losses to the LHD immediately.

Screening & Eligibility

- Screen patient eligibility at each immunization visit; provide VFC vaccine only to eligible patients.
- **Eligible patients are < 19 years old and meet one or more of the following criteria:**
Medicaid-eligible, uninsured, underinsured, Alaska Native or American Indian.

Inventory Management

- "Balance" inventory monthly (count vaccines and enter in MCIR).
- Send temperature logs and MCIR reports to the LHD for review.
- Stock and offer **all routine ACIP-recommended vaccines** for patients per Provider Profile.

Vaccine Administration

- Documentation required: eligibility, vaccine manufacturer, lot number, date vaccine & VIS given, VIS date, name & title of vaccinator; Appropriate and timely documentation in MCIR is required.

Details at www.michigan.gov/vfc or contact your LHD: www.michigan.gov/LHDmap

