

INFORMATION FOR PROVIDERS

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN

BENEFITS TO YOUR PATIENTS AND YOUR PRACTICE!

What is the Vaccines for Children program?	The Vaccines for Children program is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and provides free vaccines to children who qualify. All vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Health and Human Services are provided, at no cost, to participating medical providers. The Vaccines for Children program is designed to help protect all children against vaccine-preventable diseases. Unfortunately, many children are not vaccinated because their parents either do not have health insurance or their health insurance does not cover vaccines.
What are the costs associated with the Vaccines for Children program?	There is no charge to medical providers to participate in the program. Administrative fees may be charged to patients to offset costs. Vaccine must be stored in stand alone refrigerators and stand alone freezers. A certified calibrated thermometer is required for each unit storing vaccine.
Who can become a provider?	Any medical provider authorized to prescribe vaccines in Missouri may become a Vaccines for Children provider.
How does a child qualify?	Children are eligible to receive free vaccines before their 19th birthday if they: • are Medicaid-eligible; • do not have health insurance; • are an American Indian or Alaskan Native; or • are underinsured. NOTE: Underinsured children must receive vaccines at a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic.
How is underinsured defined?	Underinsured is defined as a child having health insurance, but the plan: • does not provide vaccine coverage; • does not cover certain vaccines; or • does cover vaccines, but has a fixed dollar limit or cap for vaccines. Once that limit or cap is reached the patient is eligible. Underinsured does not include those with an unmet deductible or who are unable to pay the deductible.

**To become a Missouri Vaccines for Children provider,
visit www.health.mo.gov/immunizations or call 800.219.3224.**

