

# Title: Medicaid Coverage - Vaccines for Children and Adults

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(Must be reviewed annually)

## Applicable Regulations, Guidelines, and Policy:

**Federal statute or rule:** SSA1928; [42 CFR § 441.600-625](#)

**State Plan:** [Medicaid State Plan](#)

- Page 9a Item 1.5 - Pediatric Immunization Program for vaccines for children under age 19
- Attachment 4.19-B Page17b Reimbursement

## Purpose:

Vermont is a universal purchase state where the State Immunization Program receives vaccines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Vermont Department of Health (VDH) administers Vaccines for Children (VFC) and Vaccines for Adults (VFA) programs. VDH distributes vaccines at no cost to providers. VFC is for children under age 19, and VFA is for adults under the age of 65.

The purpose of this SOP is to describe the procedures to update Medicaid coverage of vaccines provided by the Vermont Department of Health for the VFC, and VFA programs. Vermont Medicaid cannot reimburse providers for vaccines distributed through the VFC and VFA programs. The vaccines are federally supplied for the VFC program and purchased by the state for the VFA program.

## Procedure:

Vermont Medicaid is required to maintain coverage of vaccines distributed through the VDH Universal Vaccine Programs including VFC and VFA.

The Vermont Department of Health will routinely send changes to vaccines included in the VFC and VFA programs to the DVHA Clinical Unit. There is no set frequency to coverage changes.

## Standard Operating Procedure

The DVHA Clinical unit will review changes to coverage and write an RSO to assure that MMIS has up to date information related to VFC and VCA vaccine codes.

The RSO will indicate the vaccine codes included in the VFC and VFA programs that providers should bill with the “SL” modifier to identify state supplied vaccines. Providers receive reimbursement for vaccine administration according to the Medicaid fee schedule when they bill a vaccine code. They do not receive reimbursement for state supplied vaccines billed with the “SL” modifier.

DVHA Clinical will send the RSO to DVHA Reimbursement Unit an email to complete the pricing information. All covered codes require a pricing segment even if the vaccine is not reimbursed when the SL modifier is present on the claim. DVHA Reimbursement will send the completed RSO back to DVHA Clinical.

DVHA Clinical will send the RSO to the DVHA MPS/COB Unit designated staff via e-mail to complete the review for the Medicare/Medicaid indicator and OI indicator. DVHA MPS/COB unit will send the completed RSO back to DVHA Clinical.

DVHA Clinical will send the RSO to the state’s fiscal agent for implementation prior to the effective date.

All Medicaid providers must participate in the VFC program. Participation in the adult program is optional. Most primary care providers in Vermont participate in the VFA program. Currently, pharmacies do not participate in the VFC or VFA programs and are not subject to the requirements of this SOP.

### Revision History:

Date	Summary of Revisions
10/1/2024	New SOP.
10/14/2024	OMU review.

Table 1 Revision History