

Things You Wish You Knew About VFC

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You Call the Shots Module Review

- VFC vaccine is considered free vaccine (**true or false**)?



Vaccines are expensive!

Dtap	\$153.80	HibMenCY (GSK)	\$101.00
Dtap/HepB/IPV	\$538.60	Flu 0.25mL	\$174.30
DTaP/IPV/Hib	\$262.15	Flu 0.5mL	\$131.50
DTaP-IPV	\$385.00	HPV	\$1,210.30
IPV	\$124.60	MCV4	\$417.10
Hep B	\$110.80	MMR	\$199.10
PCV 13	\$1,124.40	MMR/V	\$1,031.61
Hep A	\$161.70	Rotavirus	\$639.60
Hib (Sanofi)	\$46.00	Tdap	\$312.50
Hib (Merck)	\$123.40	Td	\$176.90
		Varicella	\$783.40

The total cost of 1 box of each of the above vaccines is \$8,207.76

*CDC prices reviewed/updated 4-4-14

Review...

- What are the **VFC** eligible categories?



Who is eligible for VFC vaccines?

- Children birth through 18 years of age who are...
- Enrolled in Medicaid (AHCCCS)
- Un-insured
- Native Americans, Alaskan Natives
- Enrolled in KidsCare
- Under-insured (only at an FQHC, RHC, county department of health, or deputized provider)

Review...

- What does underinsured mean and who can vaccinate underinsured kids with VFC vaccine?



Under-insured

- **Under-insured:** A child who is insured but the insurance does not pay for the cost of vaccines or only covers some vaccines.
- These children can be given VFC vaccine at an FQHC, RHC, county health department, or deputized provider.

Review...

- When must you screen for VFC eligibility?



Review...

- Screen and document at every immunization visit. Maintain all VFC program records for 6 years.



Review...

- What is the allowable vaccine administration fee?



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Review...

- \$21.33 per vaccine but this must be waived if they cannot pay.



Review...

- When should the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) be given?



Review...

- Every time a vaccine is given, for each vaccine given. You must record the VIS publication date and the date the VIS was given.
- Go to the CDC website to request that VIS updates be sent to you automatically, at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/>

Review...

- What type of unit does CDC recommend for storing vaccines?



Review...

- **Stand alone refrigerator and freezer.** If you have a household unit, you can use this if you have dual temperature controls. If you have a single control, you may only use the refrigerator portion for vaccines.

Review...

- What should you do if you have expired vaccines?



Review...

- **Label** the vaccines “do not use” and remove them from the unit.
- **Store them separately** from other vaccines.
- **Contact the vaccine center** for a wasted/expired vaccine form.
- When the **return label** arrives in the mail or e-mail, attach the label, and send the vaccines to McKesson.

Review...

- What type of thermometer should I have?



Review...

- Your thermometer must have a probe encased in glycol.
- **Data loggers** are recommended and will be required.
- Your thermometer should have a current **certificate of calibration**.

Data Logger



Review...

- How often should you check and record temperatures?



IT'S TIME!

Review...

- **Twice a day**, at the start and end of the day.
- Record the **date and initials** of who checked the temps.
- Don't forget the decimal point and **F or C**.
- Even if using a data logger, record the temps twice a day.
- You cannot order vaccines unless the temps are sent to the vaccine center within **4 days** of your order.

Review...

- Are you required to report vaccines administered into ASIIS?

Think of all of the things
you need
to do



Review...

- Yes, within 30 days of administration.



Review...

- What is the proper temperature range for your refrigerator? Freezer?



Review...

- 35-46 Fahrenheit... and 5 to -58 Fahrenheit



Review...

- What do you do if you find that your temps have gone out of range?



Review...

- **Contact the vaccine center** and do not administer the vaccines until you are certain they are still viable.



Review...

- Who is required to complete the annual educational training that covers all VFC requirements?
- The VFC **vaccine coordinator** and **back-up coordinator**.

Areas for special attention

- Thermometer with current calibration date
- Storage unit type (separate control in combination units)
- Back up thermometer
- Thermometer properly placed in unit
- Making sure storage units are not accidentally disconnected from power source

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- Proper storage of vaccine
- Vaccine management plan reviewed and updated in last 12 months
- Complete vaccine management and emergency handling plan
- Proper documentation after vaccine administration

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- Inform AIPO of changes in key staff
- VFC coordinator and back up completing CDC *You Call the Shots* module



VFC Updates!

- Data Loggers
- Dose level accountability
- No more Texas Medical Foundation TMF
- Site visit checklist
- More frequent and smaller orders to avoid wastage

New Vaccines!

- HPV 9 vaccine (Gardasil 9)
- Meningococcal B (Trumenba and Bexsero) For children 10-18 yrs old who are high risk
- Quadracel™ (DTaP and Polio)

Vaccine Return Process

- Reconcile vaccine in ASIIS
- Fax or e-mail VFC dose for dose vaccine replacement form to vaccine center (this form is found on our web site at <http://azdhs.gov/phs/immunization/vaccines-for-children/index.php?pg=manual>)
- The form will be processed at the vaccine center

Vaccine Return process

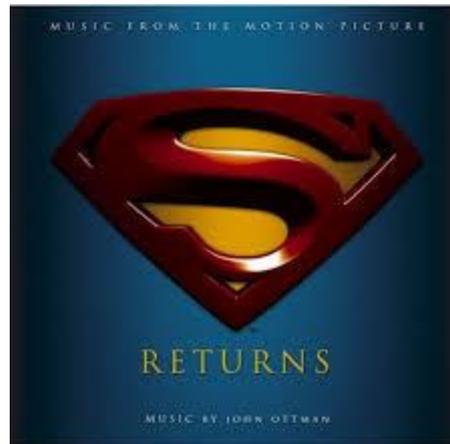
- Once the form has been processed, a fax or e-mail is sent to you, confirming that you should look for the return label
- McKesson sends the return label to you in the mail (or by e-mail now)
- You prepare the box, attach label when it comes, and prepare for pick up from UPS

Vaccine Return Process (NEW)

- A new option for return labels to be e-mailed is available.
- The subject of the e-mail will be “UPS Shipping API” and it will come from uoltsupport@ups.com
- The labels may be available 15-30 minutes after the return is submitted.
- Labels cannot be saved for future returns/

Vaccine Return Process

- If you are not on a regular UPS schedule then the UPS driver will hand deliver the shipping label to you after you have scheduled pick up



Vaccine transfer process

- If your vaccines will expire within 3 months or you are closing your office, please transfer vaccines.
- Call AIPO to obtain a list of VFC providers in your area.
- Contact the providers to determine if they will accept a transfer
- Complete the transfer in ASIIS to the receiving provider

Vaccine transfer process

- The vaccine center will approve the transfer in ASIIS.
- Only after the transfer is approved in ASIIS will you transfer the physical inventory to the other provider's office.
- The receiver will inspect the vaccines and temperatures before accepting.
- Varicella and MMRV cannot be transferred.

How to prevent cancelled orders and having to reimburse the VFC program

- Have a trained VFC back up coordinator to handle vaccine orders and issues when the primary is not there.
- Send in temperature logs every month and within 4 days of a vaccine order.
- Reconcile vaccines every 2 weeks and before sending in a vaccine order.

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- Follow proper storage and handling guidelines (temperatures in range, proper unit type, uncrowded storage of vaccine, contact vaccine center immediately if excursions occur, check expiration dates, do not pre-draw syringes, use a data logger, specify F or C on temp logs).
- If you are the VFC contact at more than one location, use a separate user name.

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- Note in comments section of order if you are ordering extra doses for a reason (back to school, outbreak, outreach clinic).
- Document any out of range temperatures, what you did about it, and keep documents.
- Input administered vaccines into ASIIS within 30 days so they will decrement properly.
- Use HL7.

Compliance visit process

- Discuss hand out briefly and answer any questions.

Scenario #1

- FluMist is placed in the freezer upon receipt from the distributor on Friday and left there over the weekend. The error was not discovered until Monday morning.
- Can FluMist continue to be used?
- What should you do now?

Scenario #1

- FluMist cannot be used now.
- If frozen flu mist has been administered, call manufacturer if private vaccine to ask if re-vaccination should occur.
- Isolate the vaccine and label “do not use”. Store in the refrigerator in case the manufacturer says the FluMist can still be administered.
- Contact the vaccine center.
- Return FluMist to distributor if it can no longer be used.

Scenario #2

- You bought a combination refrigerator/freezer unit a year ago.
- This past Tuesday night you had a temperature excursion (out of range temperature) in the freezer.
- You discovered the excursion Wednesday morning.
- What should you do?

Scenario #2

- How long was the temperature out of range? If briefly, could be defrost cycle.
- Isolate vaccines and label “do not use”, leave in freezer.
- What were the temps before and after the out of range temperature, and at what times? Was there a data logger?
- Call the manufacturer and the vaccine center.
- Document the out of range temperatures.
- If it happens again, vaccines may not be useable.



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