

# VFC SCREENING

## IS YOUR PRACTICE DOING THIS AT EVERY immunization VISIT?

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of the parent or guardian's inability to pay.

**All providers who participate in the VFC/ NH Immunization Program are required to screen their patients for insurance status and demographics, and document results at every immunization visit.**

Children through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following criteria are eligible to receive VFC vaccine:

- **Medicaid:** A child who is enrolled in the NH Medicaid program
- **Uninsured:** A child who has no health insurance coverage
- **American Indian or Alaska Native:** As defined by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603)
- **Underinsured:** A child whose health insurance covers only select vaccines or caps the vaccine cost at a certain limit. (FQHC only)

NH maintains a universal status which means, through a combination of state and federal funds; we assure that **all children under the age of 19** are provided with the vaccine regardless of income and insurance status.

# PROPER VACCINE BILLING PRACTICES

No charge should ever be imposed for the cost of vaccine regardless of insurance status. A normal professional fee may be charged for its administration. This fee may not exceed the federal cap of \$22.02 per dose of vaccine administered to VFC eligible children. Administration of state or federally supplied vaccine to a child will not be denied, due to the inability to pay and the fee cannot be sent to collection. Private Insurance may be billed for the administration fee based on the provider office policy.

**\*No child in NH can be denied state supplied vaccine because of their inability to pay an administration or office visit fee and no child can be charged for the state-supplied vaccine.**

Insurance Status	*Vaccine Administration Fee	*Cost of Vaccine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medicaid as primary insurance</li><li>• Medicaid as secondary insurance</li><li>• American Indian/Native Alaskan (Medicaid Eligible)</li></ul>	<b>Medicaid \$22.02</b> Do not bill patient - Do not balance bill	Never charge for cost of vaccine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uninsured</li><li>• American Indian/Native Alaskan (Uninsured)</li></ul>	<b>No more than \$22.02</b>	Never charge for cost of vaccine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Private Insurance</li></ul>	<b>Office Policy</b>	Never charge for the cost of vaccine