Did You Know Your Child May Be Able To Get Free Vaccines?

Vaccines for Children Can Help

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides free vaccines to children who qualify. About half of children less than 19 years old receive VFC vaccine.

Is my child eligible for the VFC Program?

Children are eligible if it is before their 19th birthday and they:

- Qualify for Medicaid,
- Don't have insurance, or
- Are American Indian or Alaska Native

Children whose insurance doesn't cover some or all routinely recommended vaccines (underinsured) can still get vaccines through VFC if they go to a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic.

Where can I go to get my child vaccinated?

- Ask if your child's doctor or nurse is a VFC provider. Nationally, thousands of health care providers are enrolled in the VFC program.
- If your child does not have a doctor, ask if your local public health department provides vaccines.
- Visit a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC).

How much will I have to pay?

- All routinely recommended vaccines are free through the VFC Program.
- Doctors can charge fees to give each shot. However, they cannot refuse to vaccinate your child if you are unable to pay these fees.
- The doctor can charge additional fees for the office visit or non-vaccine services such as an eye exam or blood test.

Where can I get more information?

- Ask your child's doctor's office if they participate in the VFC program.
- If you don't have a regular doctor's office:
  - Go to the below link to see available providers in your area or scan the QR code that is in the bottom left: https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/VFC.aspx
  - Call 1-877-PA-HEALTH to find a VFC-enrolled provider near you.

    **Philadelphia residents – call 215-685-6498 to find a VFC-enrolled provider near you.
  - Contact your local health department.
  - Visit Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers (PACHC) to find a Federally Qualified Health Center.

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