



Utah Department of Health Policy on Publicly Funded Pediatric Vaccines

PUBLIC FUND SOURCE	ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC PEDIATRIC VACCINE PROGRAMS		
	Patient Status	Eligible for Public Vaccine	Administration Fee for Public Vaccine
NOT APPLICABLE	Adult populations ages 19 and over	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable
	Commercially insured with vaccine as a covered medical service (this includes deductibles or co-payments) ⁱ	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable • Encouraged to contract with commercial plans to bill for reimbursement
FEDERAL VFC FUNDS	American Indian/Alaskan Native	YES , through VFC providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screen for fee waiverⁱⁱ • Up to \$20.72 per vaccine
	Medicaid	YES , through VFC providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee established by Medicaid • Encouraged to contract with Medicaid to bill for reimbursement of administration fee
	Uninsured (no health insurance)	YES , through VFC providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screen for fee waiverⁱⁱ • Up to \$20.72 per vaccine
	Commercially insured with no vaccine coverage or coverage for only selected vaccines (Underinsured) ⁱⁱⁱ	YES , only through Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic (FQHC/RHC) VFC providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable for vaccines covered by insurance plan • Encouraged to contract with commercial insurance plans to bill for reimbursement of covered vaccines • Screen for fee waiverⁱⁱ • Up to \$20.72 per vaccine
UTAH CHIP FUNDS	Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	YES , through VFC providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee established by CHIP • Encouraged to contract with CHIP plans to bill for reimbursement of administration fee
STATE FUNDS	School entry requirements with no other means of accessing vaccine ^{iv}	YES , through local health departments, after assessment of all other funding sources have been evaluated and approved by the Utah VFC Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraged to contract with commercial insurance plans to bill for reimbursement of covered vaccines • Screen for fee waiverⁱⁱ • Up to \$20.72 per vaccine

FUNDING SOURCES FOR PUBLICLY PURCHASED VACCINES		
Funding Source	Eligible Individuals	Vaccines Covered
Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Federal Funds	Children 0 through 18 years of age who qualify for VFC	<i>All</i> Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) recommended vaccines
Utah CHIP	Children 0 through 18 years of age insured through Utah's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	<i>All</i> ACIP recommended vaccines
State Funds	Children 0 through 18 years of age with commercial health insurance with no vaccine coverage (underinsured), presenting at participating local health departments	<i>All</i> vaccines required upon entry into a Utah school for the first time

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ⁱ Children who present with enrollment in a health care cost sharing ministry may or may not be eligible for VFC vaccine. If the plan is recognized by the Utah Insurance Department and covers vaccines, the child is considered insured and is not VFC-eligible. If the plan is not recognized by the Utah Insurance Department, the child is considered uninsured and is VFC-eligible. If the plan is recognized by the Utah Insurance Department, but does not cover all ACIP-recommended vaccines, the child is considered underinsured.

ⁱⁱ VFC eligible children may not be refused publicly funded vaccine for the inability of the parent/guardian to pay the administration fee. Individuals cannot be sent to a collection agency for failure to pay the administration fee of a publicly funded vaccine.

ⁱⁱⁱ Children are considered underinsured for vaccines not covered by the health insurance plan. Children whose insurance plans have deductibles and/or co-pays are considered insured and do not meet the criteria for underinsured. Underinsured children cannot be considered uninsured for the purpose of obtaining publicly funded vaccines. This is considered fraud and abuse of the Utah VFC Program.

^{iv} School entry requirements are those vaccines required upon entry into a Utah school (kindergarten through grade 12; public, private, or parochial) or an early childhood program (ie: preschool, day care center, child care facility, or Head Start Program) for the first time. The child must have no other method to pay for required vaccines and will be excluded from school. **State supplied vaccines are to be used only as a last resort after all other funding avenues have been assessed. Providers must contact the Utah VFC Program for approval prior to administration.**