

Participation in the VFC Program is Mandatory for PMPs and OBs Administering Vaccines to Hoosier Healthwise Children Under 19

This provider bulletin is an update to Anthem’s State Sponsored Business Provider Operations Manual (POM). This information is effective immediately and will be reflected in the “Vaccines for Children” section in the “Claims and Billing” chapter in the next POM update.

Anthem’s State Sponsored Business wants to remind you that all Hoosier Healthwise primary medical providers (PMPs) and obstetricians (OBs) who signed the Medicaid amendment with us must participate in Indiana’s Vaccines for Children (VFC) program if they administer vaccines to children under than 19 years old. The HPV vaccine is covered for women through 26 years of age. This federally-funded program provides vaccines to eligible children under the age of 19 at no cost to you. Eligible children must meet one of the following conditions:

- Enrolled in Medicaid
- No health insurance
- An American Indian or Alaskan native.

Note: Children with health insurance that does not cover immunizations can participate at a federally qualified health center (FQHC) or rural health clinic (RHC).

If you do not participate in the VFC program you must refer an eligible child to a provider who does participate for his or her vaccines.

CPT Codes for VFC Vaccines

When billing immunizations provided to you by the VFC program, you must use the appropriate CPT code listed in the table below in Box 24D of the CMS-1500 form. Per the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP), Anthem will reimburse only the administration fee of \$8 per immunization for any vaccine available through the VFC program.

New Codes Effective January 1, 2009		
Former Code	Description	New Code
90772	Therapeutic, Prophylactic, or Diagnostic Injection (specify substance or drug); Subcutaneous or Intramuscular	96372
90773	Therapeutic, Prophylactic, or Diagnostic Injection (specify substance or drug); Intra-Arterial	96373
90774	Therapeutic, Prophylactic, or Diagnostic Injection (specify substance or drug); Intravenous Push, Single, or Initial Substance/Drug	96374

Immunizations Covered Under the VFC Program in Indiana	CPT Code
Hepatitis A vaccine, adult dosage, for intramuscular use	90632
Hepatitis A vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage—2-dose schedule, for intramuscular use	90633
Hepatitis A vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage—3-dose schedule, for intramuscular use	90634
Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccine (HepA-HepB), adult dosage, for intramuscular use	90636
Hemophilus influenza B (Hib) HBOC conjugate (4-dose schedule), for intramuscular use	90645
Haemophilus influenza B vaccine (Hib), PRP-D conjugate, for booster use only, intramuscular use	90646
Hemophilus influenza B (Hib) PRP-OMP conjugate (3-dose schedule), for intramuscular use	90647
Hemophilus influenza B (Hib)	90648
HPV (Gardasil) vaccine for female members	90649
Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, for children 6–35 months of age, for intramuscular use	90655
Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for children 6–35 months of age, for intramuscular use	90657
Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for use in individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use	90658
Pneumococcal conjugate, polyvalent	90669
Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DtaP)	90700
Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, and whole cell pertussis vaccine (DTP), for intramuscular use	90701
Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids (DT) adsorbed, for intramuscular use	90702
Tetanus toxoid absorbed, for intramuscular use	90703
Measles virus vaccine, live, for subcutaneous use	90705
Rubella virus vaccine, live, for subcutaneous use	90706
Measles mumps and rubella virus vaccine (MMR), live for subcutaneous use	90707
Measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV)	90710
OPV	90712
Poliovirus, inactivated, (IPV), for subcutaneous use	90713
Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td) absorbed, preservative free, for use in individuals 7 years or older, for intramuscular use	90714
Tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine (TdaP), for use in individuals 7 years or older, for intramuscular use	90715
Varicella (chicken pox) immunization, active	90716
Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (TD) adsorbed, for use in individual 7 years or older, for intramuscular or jet injection	90718
Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, and whole cell pertussis vaccine and Haemophilus influenza B vaccine (DTP-Hib), for intramuscular use	90720
DtaP-Hib	90721
Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, acellular pertussis vaccine, Hepatitis B, and poliovirus vaccine, inactivated (DtaP-HepB-IPV), for intramuscular use	90723
Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23-valent, adult or immuno-suppressed patient dosage, for use in individuals 2 years or older, for subcutaneous or intramuscular use	90732
Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (any group), for subcutaneous use	90733
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine, serogroups A, C, Y and W-135 (tetravalent), for intramuscular use	90734
Hepatitis B vaccine, adolescent (2-dose schedule), for intramuscular	90743
Hepatitis B, pediatric/adolescent dosage (3 dose schedule), for intramuscular use	90744
HEP B, adolescent	90745
Hepatitis B vaccine, adult dosage, for intramuscular use	90746
Hepatitis B and hemophilus influenza type B (Hib)	90748

Please refer to the “Vaccines for Children” section in the “Claims and Billing” chapter in the Anthem Provider Operations Manual (POM) for Indiana Hoosier Healthwise for more

information on the VFC program. You can get a copy of the latest POM by following the steps below:

- Go to **www.anthem.com**.
- Click **Providers**.
- Click **Anthem State-Sponsored Programs**.
- Click **Indiana – Hoosier Healthwise**.
- Click **Provider Operations Manual** under **Policies, Manuals, and Guidelines**.

Or, you can enter http://www.anthem.com/provider/in/f3/s4/t1/pw_ad089395.pdf in your browser.

Billing Guidelines for Vaccine Shortages or No Stock Availability

If the VFC program is out-of-stock on a vaccine you should bill based on whether the vaccine is from a private or VFC stock. If the vaccine is administered from private stock, bill according to usual and customary charges for reimbursement at Medicaid rate on file. If you use VFC stock, bill at the normal \$8 Medicaid administrative fee per immunization. For information on vaccine availability refer to the IHCP banner pages at www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/Publications/banner_results.asp.

How to Register with the VFC Program

If you would like to enroll in Indiana's VFC program, call the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) office at **1-317-233-7704** in the Indianapolis area or toll-free at **1-800-701-0704**. You can also visit the ISDH website VFC program page at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/17203.htm> for more information.

How to Register with CHIRP

The Children & Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) is a free Internet-based, statewide program designed to help physicians and other health care providers track immunization records of Indiana residents of all ages. Evidence supports the use of immunization registries as a mechanism for sustaining and increasing vaccination coverage. The features of the CHIRP registry include:

- Immediate access to immunization records of new patients previously seen elsewhere.
- Ability to track vaccine inventory by lot number
- Fewer missed opportunities and over-immunization through individual forecasting based on Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines.
- Reminder cards and letters.

CHIRP is a statewide immunization registry provided by the ISDH at no cost to you. You can register with CHIRP by calling them at **1-317-690-3490** in northern Indiana or **1317-460-3678** in southern Indiana or visiting their website at <https://chirp.in.gov/home.jsp>.