

VFC/317 Vaccine Separation of Inventory

Background:

CDC is implementing a number of significant operational changes related to vaccine ordering, inventory management, and overall provider participation requirements. VFC, 317, and State General Fund vaccines will need to be ordered separately and inventories will need to be kept separate in the refrigerator.

Effective Date: August 1st, 2014

Who it Impacts: This change primarily impacts local health departments and their Health Department Authorized Sites.

Key Points:

Local Health Departments can vaccinate clients according to the current Eligibility Guidelines. New Eligibility Guidelines are being released August 1st to reflect that underinsured children are no longer eligible for 317 vaccines.

CAIR Changes are being launched August 1st which will allow vaccine to be tracked by: 317, VFC, State GF, Private. Existing State-supplied inventory in CAIR will be converted to VFC. There are limited situations where clinic staff will need to go in and convert their inventory to State GF or 317. An example would be if a clinic has a supply of state GF Tdap that automatically would convert to VFC on August 1 - these doses can manually be converted to State GF. Instructions will be sent to Coordinators prior to August 1st.

Local health departments will begin ordering VFC and 317 vaccines separately on myvfcvaccines.org on August 1st. Clinics should review previous 317 usage to prepare to place their first order on August 1st.

Clinics should prepare their refrigerators for the separation of inventory by preparing separate areas for VFC, State GF, 317, Private (if applicable). Stickers can be ordered through the IZ Branch store to help with labeling vaccine.

Definitions:

VFC: Federal entitlement program for VFC eligible children 0-18.

317: Federal vaccine for states to immunize non-VFC populations. Adults that are uninsured or underinsured in CA.

State GF: Purchased with State of CA general funds. Currently only influenza vaccine and Tdap are purchased. Do not have restrictions on who LHDs can immunize with these doses.