



Vaccine Fact Sheet

Varicella/Chickenpox (VAR)

Brand Name and Manufacturer Varivax®
Merck

Protects Against Varicella Zoster Virus (chickenpox)

Routine Schedule Two (2) dose series: First dose at 12-15 months and second dose at 4-6 years

Minimum Intervals Younger than 13 years of age: 3 month minimum interval between doses
13 years of age and older: 4 week minimum interval between doses

Approved for use in Persons aged 12 months and older

Administration Subcutaneous (SC) injection

Packaging Vaccine is packaged as 10 single-dose vials of lyophilized vaccine and a separate box of 10 single-dose 0.7mL vials of sterile diluent

Storage Freeze between -58°F and +5°F (-50°C to -15°C)
STORE IN FREEZER
PROTECT VACCINE FROM LIGHT

Full ACIP Recommendations <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/varicella.html>

VFC Letter Not available on EZIZ

Billing Codes CHDP code: 46
CPT code for vaccine: 90716
CPT code for administration: 90460
Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS) administration: 90716 with modifiers –SK (high-risk) and –SL (VFC)
ICD-10-CM code (encounter for immunization): Z23
[*http://www.aafp.org/practice-management/payment/coding/admin.html](http://www.aafp.org/practice-management/payment/coding/admin.html)

- Comments**
- Licensed in 1995
 - Use only the Merck sterile diluent to reconstitute lyophilized varicella vaccine
 - Varicella vaccine must be used within 30 minutes of reconstitution
 - Store sterile diluent separately at room temperature (68°F to 77°F) or in the refrigerator
 - If varicella, MMR, and/or LAIV are not administered at the same visit, they should be separated by at least 28 days.
 - Persons who are immunocompromised due to certain conditions or treatments or who are pregnant should not be vaccinated with varicella vaccine