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2025 VFA Recertification is Coming Soon! Start Planning Now!

Background

Thank you for your continued participation in the Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program, which ensures access to most ACIP immunizations for vulnerable uninsured and underinsured adults. Annual recertification and training are program requirements to continue receiving publicly purchased vaccines in the VFA Program. Not completing the 2025 VFA Recertification process will result in suspension of vaccine ordering privileges and eventual account termination from the VFA Program. If interested in reenrollment, the practice must wait until VFA enrollment is open. VFA enrollment is dependent on the available Section 317 budget.

Through recertification, providers agree to comply with VFA Program participation requirements, update practice information, and provide updated estimates of all VFA-eligible and privately insured adults who will be immunized in the coming year. The VFA Program then verifies that the practice is eligible for continued enrollment and has a current and valid California medical license to prescribe and administer vaccines.

Getting Ready for VFA Recertification

- 1. Ensure Your VFA Account is in Good Standing
 - Only active Program providers in good standing can access the 2025 VFA Recertification form. Providers who have outstanding mandatory corrective actions may access the form once the actions have been resolved. Please contact your CDPH Field Representative for more information.
- Gather Your Information Using the VFA Recertification Worksheet
 Utilize the <u>2025 VFA Recertification Worksheet</u> to gather information before beginning the recertification process.
- 3. Complete the VFA Program's 2025 Educational Requirements

 Every California VFA Provider must first complete VFA educational requirements for the practice in order to access and complete the 2025 VFA Recertification. The training modules are now available on the EZIZ.org training page.

Clinics will only need to complete the lesson corresponding to the CDPH Immunization Program they are enrolled in. The VFA Program Requirements training should have a completion date of 12/1/2024 or later to receive credit. Although the myCAvax system will only validate the VFA Program

Requirements training, it is highly encouraged that key practice and other related staff complete the other EZIZ lessons. Staff will receive credit if EZIZ lessons were completed for other CDPH Immunization Programs.

IMPORTANT NOTE! Since myCAvax is connected to validate EZIZ training lessons, the User ID used to complete the EZIZ training lessons must match the email listed on the myCAvax program location account. Each key practice staff must have a unique email and EZIZ user ID.

4. Confirm Your Immunization Registry ID

AB 1797 requires all California providers to enter every immunization administered into a California immunization registry. As a result of this law, all active participants of California's VFA Program are required to enter all vaccine doses administered into CAIR or RIDE. For more information, see the California Department of Public Health's AB 1797 Immunization Registry FAQs.

IMPORTANT NOTE! Only a single Registry ID is allowed to be entered per Program Location. The Registry ID in the VFA Recertification Form must be registered at the same location as the VFA PIN. If there are multiple Registry IDs associated with your practice, select the Registry ID that holds the greatest amount of VFA vaccine inventory or VFA-eligible patients. For CAIR questions, please contact 800-578-7889, or CAIRHelpdesk@cdph.ca.gov. For RIDE/Healthy Futures questions, please contact 209-468-2292, or support@myhealthyfutures.org.

5. Check If Your Data Logger Calibration Is Up to Date and Meets VFA Requirements

The VFA Program requires that all digital data loggers (DDLs) used for temperature monitoring of VFA-supplied vaccines (including backup DDLs) have a current certificate of calibration. Having expired certificates of calibration may lead to vaccine orders being held.

Verify your unit's certificate of calibration is still valid. Clinics will be required to upload a copy of their certificates of calibration. If any of your data loggers have an expired certificate of calibration, or will be expiring soon, make sure you send your DDLs for calibration services prior to Recertification launch or purchase a new DDL.

6. Generate Patient Reports from your EHR or Immunization Registry

Review and update the estimated number of all adults 19 years of age and older who will receive immunizations in the upcoming 12-month period. Data should be based on immunization registry usage reports, Electronic Health Record usage reports, VFA usage logs, billing information etc. Generate reports on actual patient population served by your practice during 2024.

a. NEW! The site must now report the estimated number of adults 19 years
of age and older by eligibility – uninsured, underinsured, and privately
insured.

7. Verify your Clinic Staff's License Numbers Ahead of Time

Contact information, medical licenses, and National Provider ID (NPI) for any new Key Practice Staff and Health Care Providers with Prescription-Writing Privilege must be reported.

Plan ahead:

- In order to ensure you report the correct information, we encourage your practice to verify your staff's license numbers ahead of time through the California Department of Consumer Affairs website: https://www.breeze.ca.gov/datamart/loginCADCA.do.
- Locate NPI numbers through the National Plan & Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) website: https://npiregistry.cms.hhs.gov/.

MY TURN VACCINE LOCATER

The My Turn Vaccine Locater tool can help patients find clinics and providers that accept walk-in patients, offer the vaccines they need, and provide vaccination services based on their insurance status and ability to pay. In order for a LHD 317 site to appear on the "My Turn Public" portal, they will need to navigate to the Vaccine Locater Tab on your myCAvax Homepage outside of the Recertification form. The clinic should select the 'My Turn Vaccine Locator Opt-in' tab, click the location's 'Manage Vaccine Locator Form' link, and complete the information form to opt-in. For more information about the benefits of My Turn, click here.

Please join CDPH for an interactive webinar to see live demonstrations and learn how My Turn Clinic can streamline vaccine administration and clinic management.

When: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Register here: Benefits of Using My Turn Clinic

If you have any questions about the VFA Recertification process, please contact the Provider Call Center at 833-502-1245.

Resources:

- 2025 VFA/LHD Recertification Worksheet (IMM-1521)
- 2025 VFA Agreement
- 2025 VFA/LHD 317 Agreement Addendum
- 2025 Recertification Process

Thank you,



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