

# Vaccines for Children (VFC) Pharmacy Pilot Program Roundtable

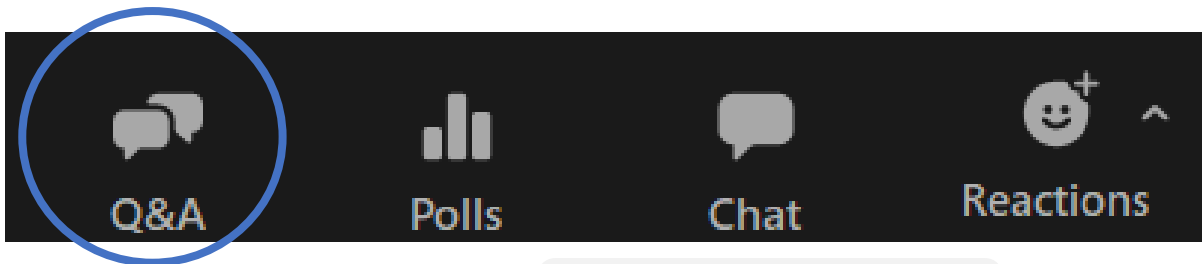
Thursday, May 16, 2024

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.



# Questions

During today's Roundtable, please use the Q&A panel to ask your questions so VFC panelists and subject matter experts can respond directly.



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# Housekeeping

## Reminder to Attendees:



Today's session is being recorded. For slides, webinar recordings, and other postings, see the [VFC Pharmacy Pilot Program EZIZ Webpage](#).



If you have post-webinar questions, please email [leslie.amani@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:leslie.amani@cdph.ca.gov)

## Reminder to Panelists:



Please mute yourself when not speaking.

Please monitor the Q&A panel for questions you may be able to answer.

# Tuesday, May 14, 2024

No.	Item	Speaker(s)	Time (PM)
1	Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions	Leslie Amani (CDPH)	12:00 – 12:05
2	VFC Pharmacy Pilot Program Update	Claudia Aguiluz and Edward Salaguinto, PharmD, RPh (CDPH)	12:05 – 12:20
3	Survey Summary	Brenton Louie (CDPH)	12:20 – 12:25
4	Q&A and Discussion	Attendees and VFC Pharmacy Pilot Program SMEs (CDPH)	12:25 – 12:55
5	Resources	Leslie Amani (CDPH)	12:55 – 1:00

Thank you for attending today's session!

# Announcements

Leslie Amani, CDPH



# myVFCvaccines to myCAvax System Transition

COMING SOON



VFC vaccine ordering, and other related VFC activities will go live in myCAvax on **Monday, June 10, 2024.**

Once live, VFC providers will be able to easily:

- Report shipping incidents electronically
- Access practice dashboards
- View support resources in the Knowledge Center
- Read important broadcast messages from CDPH upon logging in to myCAvax
- Access multiple state-funded vaccine programs





# myCAvax System Transition Details and Trainings



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May 15, 2024 IZB-FY-23-24-14

TO: California Vaccines for Children Program  
Providers Immunization Coordinators

FROM: Robert Schechter, M.D., Chief, Immunization Branch  
Division of Communicable Disease Control  
Center for Infectious Diseases *RS*

SUBJECT: VFC is Moving to a New Vaccine Management System - **myCAvax**

✓ VFC is moving to the **myCAvax** system on **June 10, 2024**.  
✓ **May 24, 2024**, is the last day to submit a new vaccine order, return, transfer, or wastage form using MyVFCVaccines.

The California VFC Program is excited to announce the transition of its current vaccine ordering and provider management system, MyVFCVaccines, to a new system, **myCAvax**. This transition is expected to occur on June 10th, 2024.

**TRANSITION to myCAvax**  
VFC ordering and management in California is transitioning from MyVFCVaccines to **myCAvax** as CDPH aligns its vaccine programs into to one single system: **myCAvax** already supports the Local Health Department (LHD) 317 Vaccine Program, the Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program, State-purchased influenza vaccine, and the California COVID-19 Bridge Access Program (BAP). VFC providers may be familiar from the pandemic with using **myCAvax** for COVID-19 vaccine ordering.

**BENEFITS OF myCAvax include:**

1. Improved access and security. **myCAvax** requires individual user login for better security instead of just the VFC PIN and zip code.
2. Providers who are part of multiple CDPH Immunization Programs will only need to use one system for all vaccine ordering and management.
3. Modernized system. The **myCAvax** system uses updated technology to streamline vaccine management activities.

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Join us for a 30-minute **introductory webinar** to learn the basics of using myCAvax.

CDPH is offering three training sessions **for brand new users**. The content is repeated, so you only need to sign up for one of the following webinars:

- **Wednesday, May 22, 2024, from 10 – 10:30 AM**
- **Wednesday, May 29, 2024, from 9 – 9:30 AM**
- **Tuesday, June 4, 2024, from 12:30 – 1 PM**

**Register on [Zoom](#).**



# VFC 101 & 102 Trainings for All VFC Providers

## VFC 101: Requesting VFC Vaccine in myCAvax

30-minute webinar exploring how to place a vaccine order request in myCAvax with an opportunity for Q&A. The content is repeated, so you only need to sign up for one of the following webinars:

- *Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 9 – 9:30 AM*
- *Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 9:30 – 10 AM*
- *Tuesday, June 11, 2024, from 12 – 12:30 PM*
- *Tuesday, June 18, 2024, from 11:30 AM – 12 PM*

Register on [Zoom](#).

## VFC 102: Managing VFC Vaccine in myCAvax

30-minute webinar intended for staff who will be responsible for managing VFC vaccine in myCAvax (e.g., reporting waste, transfers, shipment incidents, and excursions).

- *Friday, June 7, 2024, from 9:30 – 10 AM*
- *Wednesday, June 12, 2024, from 10 – 10:30 AM*
- *Wednesday, June 19, 2024, from 12:30 – 1 PM*

Register on [Zoom](#).

NOTE: The content is repeated, so you only need to sign up for one of each 101 & 102 series.



# Questions for Discussion

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# VFC Pharmacy Pilot Program

Claudia Aguiluz, CDPH

Edward Salaguinto, PharmD, RPh CDPH



# Pilot Background-Purpose



- Learn how pharmacy enrollment in VFC could assist with expansion of the VFC network in key geographic areas of CA
- Leverage pharmacy's expertise in vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic, to quickly reach vulnerable Medi-Cal/VFC-eligible children outside the existing provider network
- Identify VFC Program support levels required to support an open enrollment of pharmacies statewide

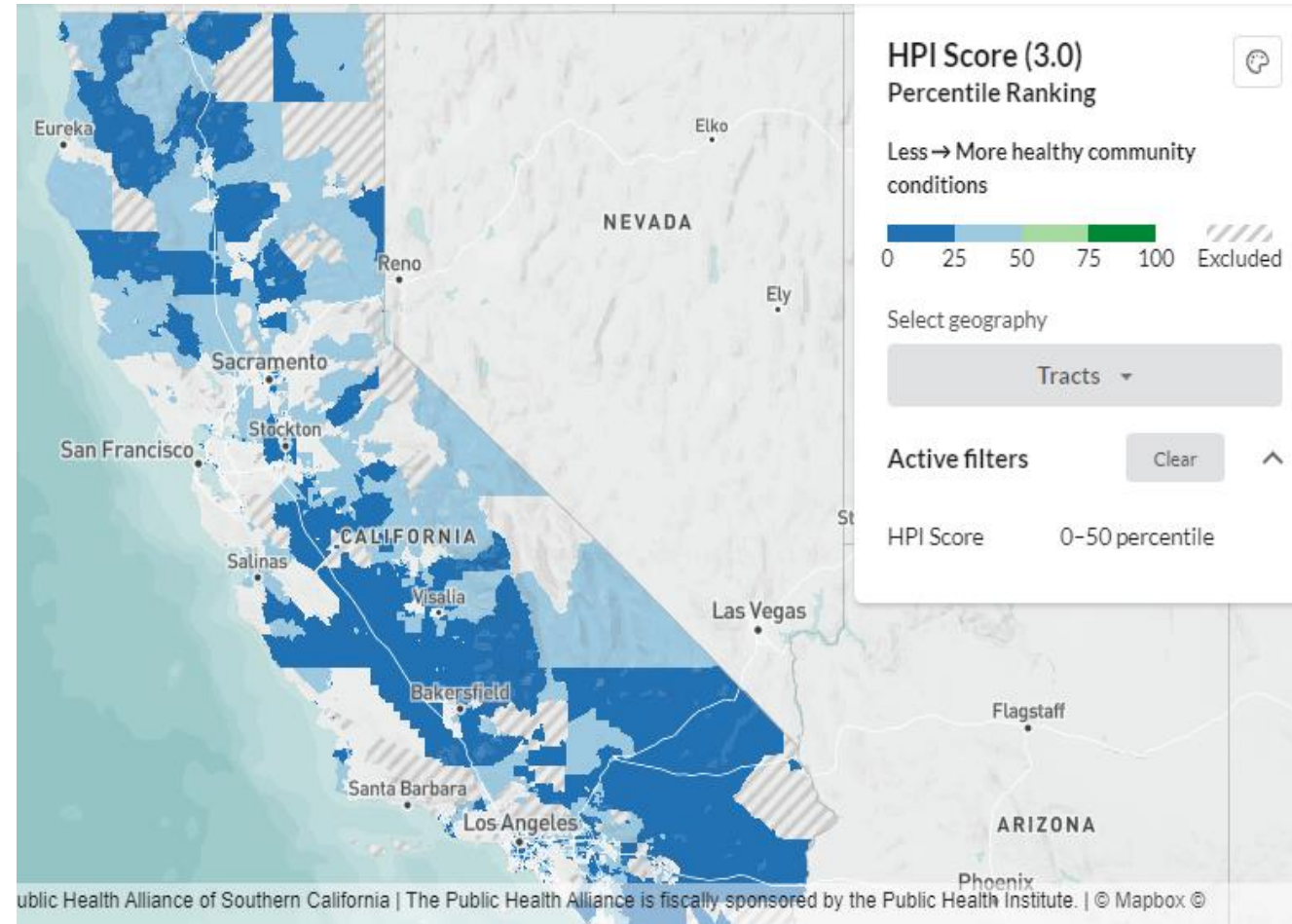
# Pharmacy Pilot Selection

## Selection Criteria

- Initial recruitment limited to a small number of pharmacies (25)
  - located in zip codes that rank in the two lowest quartiles of California's Healthy Places Index ([HPI 1&2](#))
  - High COVID-19 vaccine administration rates
  - Independent/Community pharmacies

## Pharmacy Outreach

- First round of invitations (25) sent via email, with subsequent outreach communications if no response received (participate or decline)
- Second round of invitations (50 additional pharmacies) and outreach follow-ups conducted
- Survey to all pharmacy locations that did not respond or enroll
  - 7 responses out of 60 pharmacies contacted





# Pilot Background-Timeframe

**Anticipated Duration: 1 Year**

## Enrollment Approach & Requirements

- By invitation only
- Flu only with an option to provide all ACIP recommended vaccines
- Participate in surveys designed to identify barriers, successes, and benefits of pharmacy participation in VFC
- Follow all VFC program participation requirements

## Planning & Implementation Timelines:

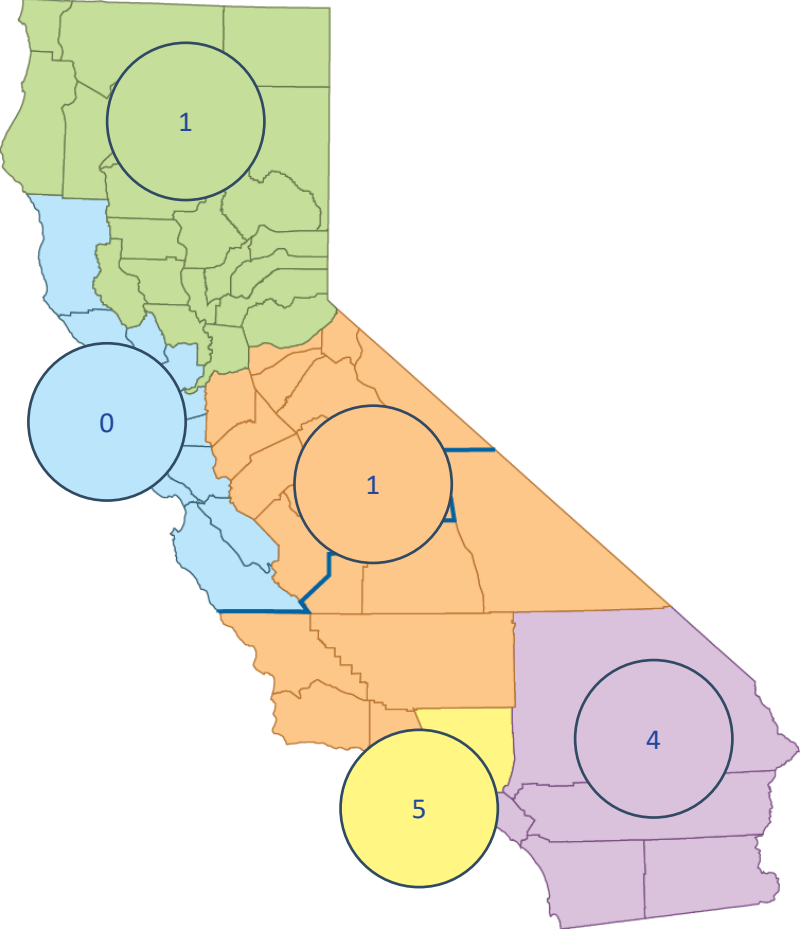
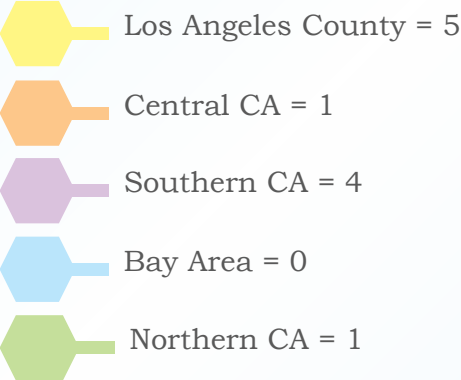
- **October- December 2022:** Initial planning and outreach
- **January- May 2023:** Pharmacy enrollment
- **Mar- May 2023:** Pilot Pharmacy Survey (Non-respondents)
- **November 2023:** Pilot Pharmacy Survey-(enrolled pharmacies)



# CA VFC Pharmacy Pilot Sites-Current status

75 Invited

11 Enrolled



## Participation details

Collectively, sites have ordered a total of **3,495 doses** of VFC vaccines in a **14-month period (January 2023-March 2024)**

- 30% (1,050 doses) COVID-19
- 55% (1,915 doses) Routine
- 15% (530 doses) Flu

**An average of 4 orders submitted** during the participation period

**All sites have completed an initial VFC Pharmacy Pilot Participation survey**

# VFC Pharmacy Pilot Participation Survey



Overall enrollment experience



Preparations and implementation of VFC in pharmacies

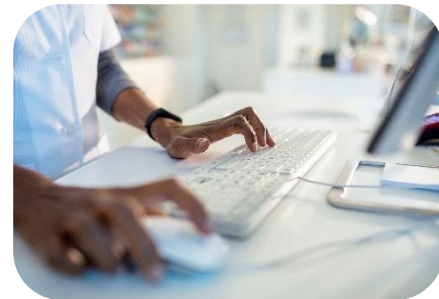


Vaccine Ordering



Vaccine Administration

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- ✓ Gather participant feedback and experiences in 7 key areas



VFC Eligibility Screening and Documentation



Billing and Reimbursement

**2022 Program Participation Requirements at a Glance for Pharmacies**

Requirement	Summary	Pharmacy Notes	Resources/Job Aids
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Participation Resources & Program Support

# Challenges- Program Perspective- Operationally

## Outreach & Communication

- Active provider enrollment process, requiring strategy & targeted communications
- Enhanced communications needed
- Hard to get a response from prospective participants

## Training and support

- Need to invest time in supporting and setting up pharmacies for success
- Key areas include initial and subsequent vaccine ordering guidance
- Routine ordering differs from traditional provider offices who can forecast need based on historical ordering or patient schedules

## Vaccine Ordering

- Order totals and frequencies significantly lower than anticipated
- While most pharmacies placed initial orders, subsequent ordering decreased (1-3 orders placed)
- Some cited low patient demand

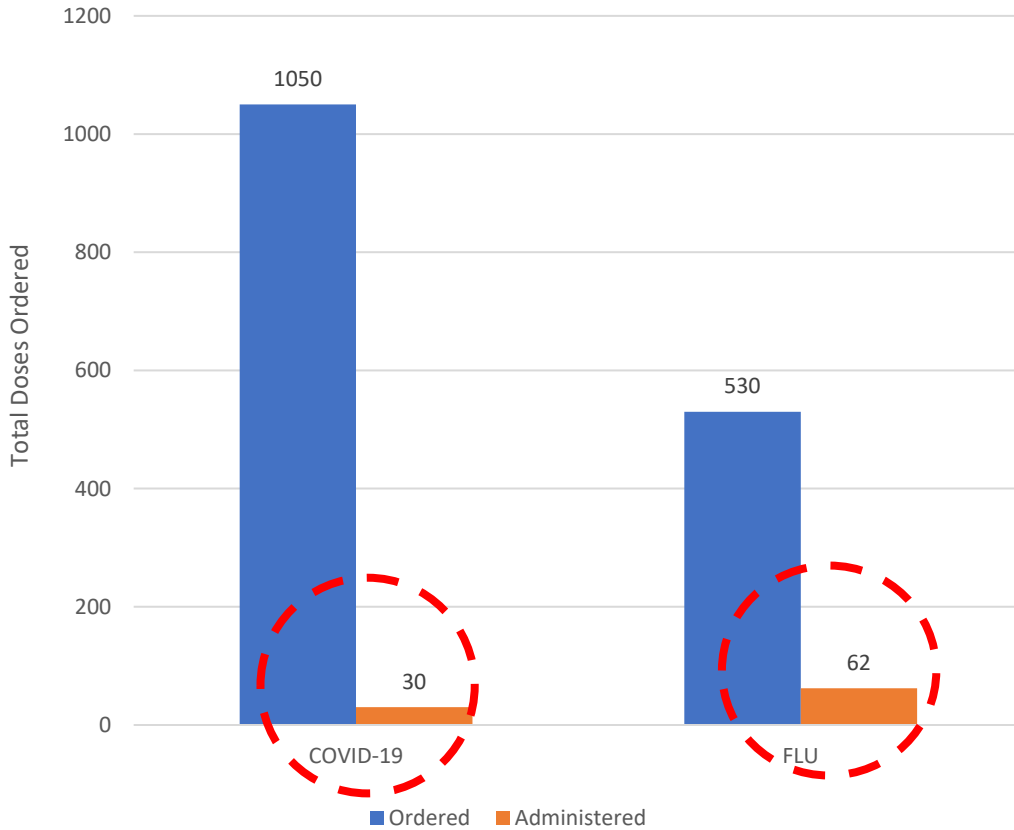
## Billing and reimbursement

- Not an area of expertise programmatically on how pharmacies bill for services provided; however, this was an area pilot participants expected program to know
- Must highlight differences between COVID programs and VFC regarding billing and reimbursements
- Billing challenges leading to low vaccine usage and ordering



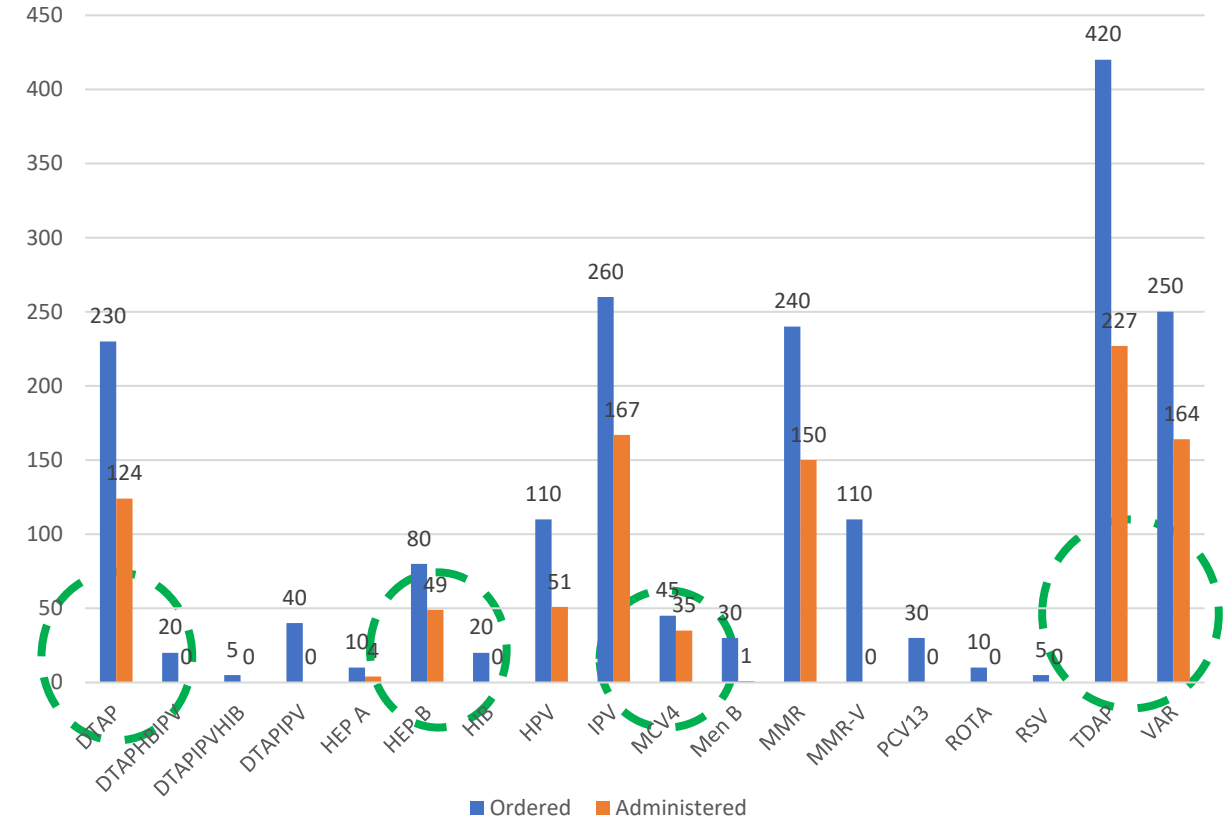
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# Los Angeles (L.A.) County Pharmacy Pilot

## Background

- 5 pharmacies in LA County selected to participate in a pilot project for the CA VFC Program
- These pharmacies were strong partners in the county's COVID-19 provider network and provided mobile clinics; one entered into a Collaborative Practice Agreement to be able to serve younger children
- Community pharmacies are critical in underserved communities, and often provide key health services to its members
- Experience with COVID-19 helped prepare them to meet VFC program requirements and expand vaccines that could be offered, especially in school settings



# L.A. County Pharmacy Pilot Lessons Learned



- **Enrollment:**

- Clinics were already following COVID-19 protocols, implementation was fairly seamless; though Enrollment process more complicated for some
- VFC staff support was critical for helping them navigate enrollment requirements (dos/don'ts/expectations)

- **Participation-Some barriers included:**

- Temperature logging
- inventory management – required improved processes; wanted to co-mingle with commercially purchased vaccines;
- Ordering – how to gauge demand to avoid waste
- community outreach – challenge with getting the word out that the pharmacy was now a VFC provider
- training – required additional training to help pharmacies understand nuances of different programs (VFC & COVID)

- **Reimbursement**

- Experienced challenges when trying to bill Medi-Cal
- Affected their ability to scale up to serve eligible children
- Faced having to absorb costs even with reimbursement issues (couldn't turn children away)
- More support was needed for successful claims submission

- **Opportunities**

- Address Medi-Cal challenges and improve reimbursement experience & guidance for submitting claims successfully
- Advertising about availability
- Align requirements for different programs
- Consider different operational models\*



# CA VFC Pharmacy Pilot-Next Steps



# CA VFC Pharmacy Pilot Next Steps: Phase 2

## What are we doing differently?

- Expansion for second round, starting with a list of pharmacies interested in joining
- Timeframe: Spring-Summer 2024
- Removing some of the geographic restrictions
- Looking at provided feedback to enhance VFC resources to support onboarding of pharmacies
  - Vaccine ordering
  - Mass vaccination and off-site events
  - Marketing and collaboration efforts
- Providing an option for pharmacies to enroll as a “Vaccine Replacement Model\*” provider
- Continue to collaborate with CA’s Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) to support providers with billing and reimbursement support
- Provide enhanced support to current participants beyond annual participation survey

# CA VFC Pharmacy Pilot Next Steps: Preparing to offer VFC Vaccine Replacement Model Enrollment

**Vaccine Replacement:** A process for vaccine replacement of private vaccine stock used for VFC eligible children, which is allowable (and approved by CDC) only if:

- An individual provider has the capacity to purchase private stock for VFC eligible children
- The provider utilizes an electronic system for documenting patient eligibility at the dose-level.
- The state's Immunization program has the capacity to perform oversight of the vaccine replacement process and ensure that doses replaced directly reflect the VFC eligible children served by the provider.



Replacement model enrollments have an added layer of enrollment approvals. These must be approved in writing by CDC.

Participating provider types in CA eligible for this model are specific to large HMOs, birthing hospitals, and pharmacies.

## Key elements include:

- ✓ VFC screening and documentation during each immunization encounter or visit.
- ✓ Capturing patient's eligibility status at the dose level through CAIR and the provider's EHR system
- ✓ The total public vaccine inventory reported with vaccine orders must represent the public portion of the Provider's inventory on hand.
- ✓ Public vaccine returns must be submitted to represent the public portion of the total vaccine returns.
- ✓ Compliance with all other CA VFC Program Requirements.
- ✓ CA's VFC Program assessment of doses administered data prior to fulfilling replacement vaccine requests

# Medi-Cal Reimbursement for VFC Pharmacies

## Pharmacist initiated

VFC vaccine administration fee: List each administered vaccine CPT code with an SL modifier (state-supplied vaccine). SL modifier ensures that the cost of the vaccine is not reimbursed.

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Consultation and assessment fee (vaccine initiation): Providers must bill claims to DHCS/CAMMIS on a medical claim under Pharmacist Services using CPT codes 99202 (new patient) and 99212 (existing patient).

**This must be submitted on a CMS 1500 medical claim form.**

**Note:** Pharmacy providers must submit medical claims for Managed Care Plans (MCP) members under Pharmacist Services to applicable MCPs and claims for FFS members must be submitted to DHCS/CAMMIS.

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## Other prescriber initiated

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# Medi-Cal Reimbursement for VFC Pharmacies

## Coming Soon:

Professional Dispensing Fee will be reimbursed by Medi-Cal Rx: Expected Magellan release sometime between summer and winter this year.

- The professional dispensing fee methodology is two-tiered, based on total annual (Medi-Cal and non Medi-Cal) claim volume as follows:
  - \$13.20 when less than 90,000 prescriptions are dispensed
  - \$10.05 when 90,000 or more prescriptions are dispensed



For questions on VFC billing:

- Email to: [MediCalRxEducationOutreach@primetherapeutics.com](mailto:MediCalRxEducationOutreach@primetherapeutics.com)
- Subject line: VFC Billing Question

# Pilot Participant Feedback & Survey Summary

Brenton Louie, CDPH



# VFC Pharmacy Pilot Participation Survey



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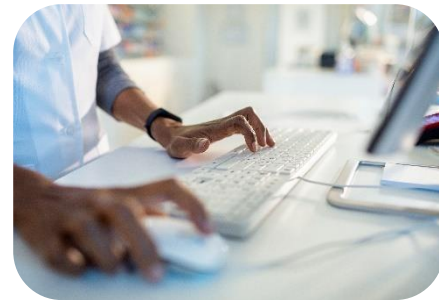
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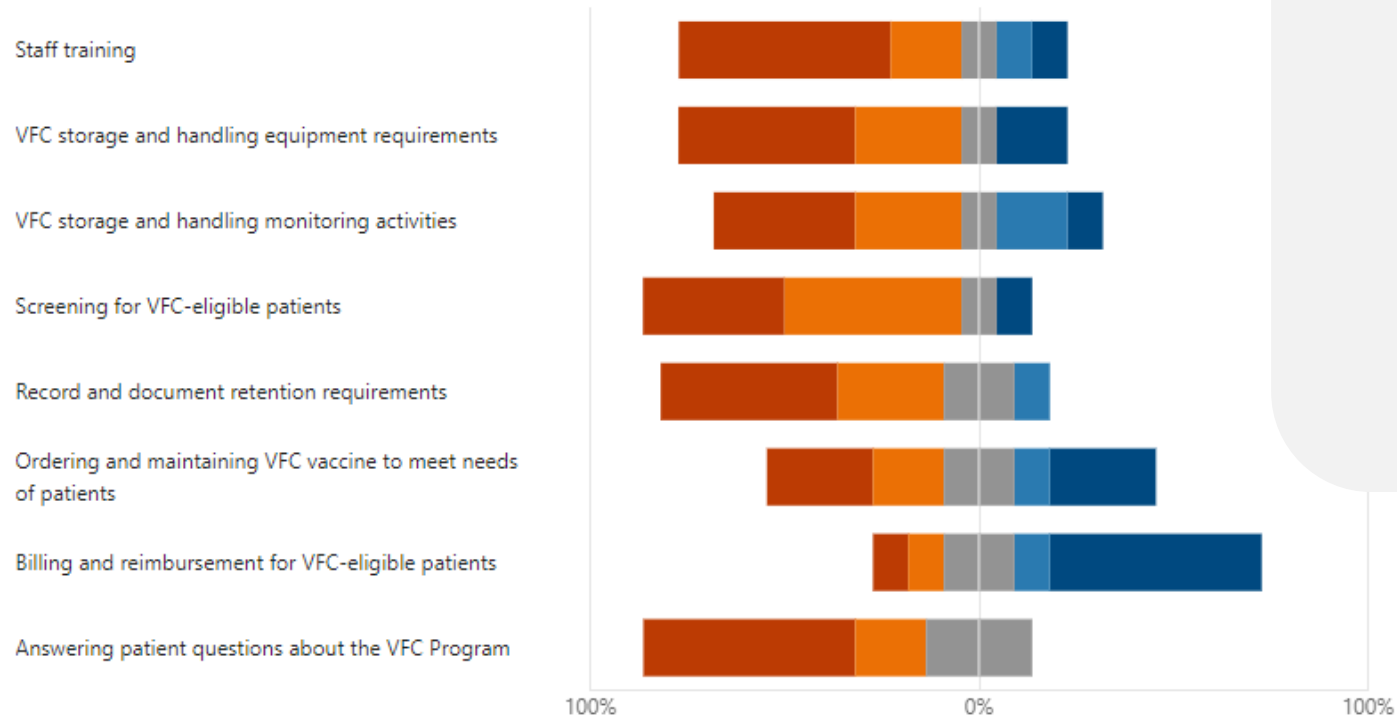
**Participation Resources & Program Support**

# Program Participation Requirements & Activities

12. Please rate your experience with implementing the VFC Program in your pharmacy for the following areas:

[More Details](#)

■ Extremely simple ■ Somewhat simple ■ Neutral ■ Not so simple ■ Not at all simple



Additional guidance and resources may be needed in key VFC enrollment and implementation areas, including staff training, vaccine management, and VFC eligibility.

**Ordering guidance and billing requires enhanced support!**

# Vaccine Ordering

26. We appreciate your efforts in ordering and administering all ACIP-recommended vaccines to the patients you serve. Can you share any suggestions and tips on how you...

6 Responses

ID ↑	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	The BEST way forward would be to incorporate the immunization workflow once we figure out the billing and reimbursement my head but have not been able to implement to the fullest.
2	anonymous	We work closely with our local Public Health Department, the local school district, district nurses and local pediatricians. We held clinics with Partnership HealthPlan and the school district. We also hold daily walk-in (no appointment necessary) clinics in the pharmacy. The answer to question 19 is yes and no if you referring to brand specific vaccines. We overlap some manufacturers but defiantly dispense required ACIP vaccines to VFC and private patients.
3	anonymous	Partnering with schools
4	anonymous	It is a challenge for pharmacies since there effectively is no though Medi-Cal reimburses through the ORP program, the patients are in a managed care plan and not eligible. So, di administration fees are \$0. We are grateful to be a provider however, implementation of the program is definitely finan
5	anonymous	SCHOOL CLINICS AND COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS/SIGNS AT THE PHARMACY
6	anonymous	usually thru patients referring each other. We tried reaching out to a couple of pediatrician offices but we did not get any patients from them.

We work closely with our local Public Health Department, the local school district, district nurses, and local pediatricians. We held clinics with Partnership

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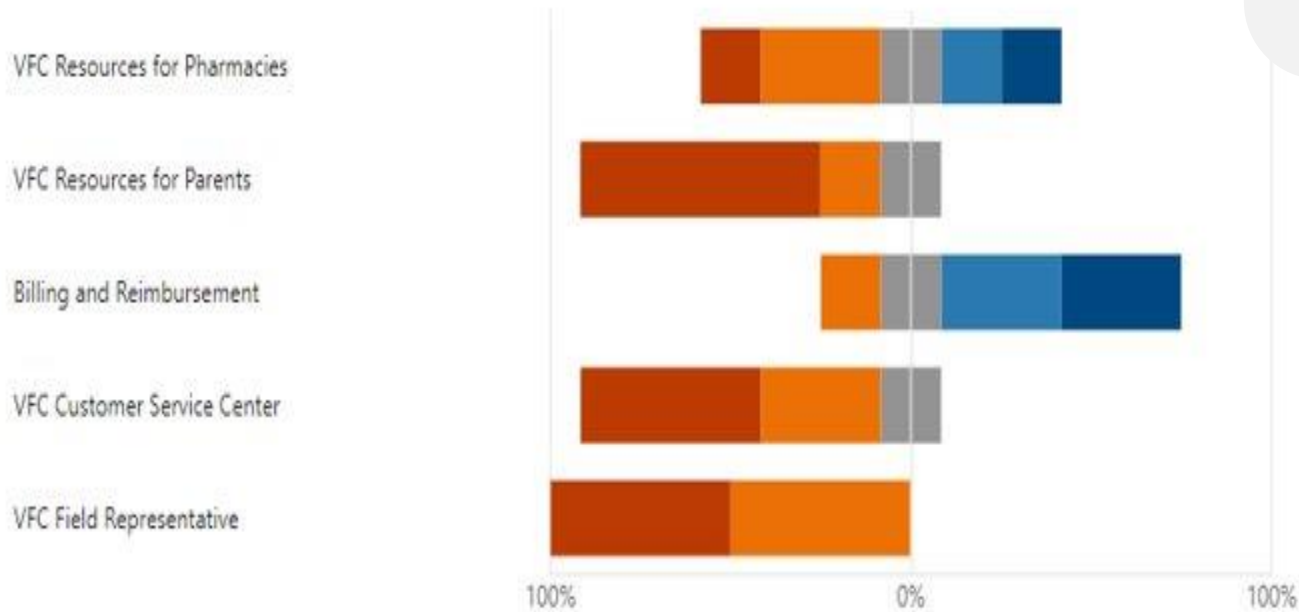
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# Participation Resources and Support

76. Please rate the level of availability for the following resources:

[More Details](#)

Extremely abundant Somewhat abundant Neutral Not so abundant Not at all abundant



Participants were satisfied with VFC resources for pharmacies and patients; & overall participation support from VFC; however, billing and reimbursement resources and support were lacking.

## Responses

Please help with the billing. Thank you!

WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE PROGRAM BUT NEED TO BE REIMBURSED AS A PHARMACY PROVIDER AS THE MEDICAL OFFICES & OTHER VFC PROVIDERS GET FULL REIMBURSEMENTS.

Step by step billing guidance from an expert would be great.

Training would be lovely, although we have worked out most of the issues now.

How to bill medi-cal rx

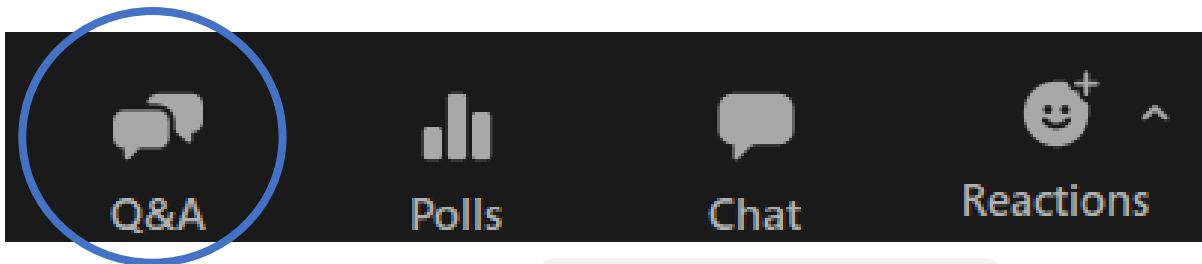
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## VFC Subject Matter Experts



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# Resources

Leslie Amani, CDPH



# Resource: VFC Pharmacy Pilot Program on EZIZ



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## VFC Pharmacy Pilot

### Thank you for your interest in the VFC Pharmacy Pilot.

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### Pharmacy Benefits

- No-cost vaccine.
- Pharmacists would be entitled to the Professional Consultation fee.
  - Pharmacists who initiate the vaccine are providing Professional Pharmacist Services. They may bill for the evaluation and management portion of the visit (evaluation or assessment of the patient to determine the appropriateness of the vaccine and includes history, examination, and medical decision making).
- Pharmacists would be entitled to the Professional Administration fee.
- Pharmacies serve as an important community-based access point for vaccinations and have the potential to better serve children by participating in the California VFC Program.

### Selection Criteria

The VFC Program is recruiting 25 pharmacies with successful vaccine administration rates that are located in zip codes that rank in the two lowest quartiles of the [Healthy Places Index](#). Additionally, pharmacies based in areas of high VFC-eligible populations will increase access to VFC vaccines. Participation in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program is encouraged but not required.

### Pilot Duration

The pilot will last one year. Accounts may be terminated at the end of the pilot. Enrollment is conditional upon compliance with pilot participation requirements.

### Requirements for Pilot Participation

# Upcoming Webinar Opportunities

## CDPH IZB Bi-weekly Updates for Providers

Next session: Friday, May 17, 2024

9:00 am – 10:30 am

