

# Vaccine Fact Sheet: Varicella

Topic	VARIVAX®
Manufacturer	Merck <a href="#">Prescribing Info (FDA)</a>
Protects Against	Varicella virus (chickenpox)
Approved Ages	12 months & older
Funding Source	<b>VFC, VFA, LHD 317</b>
Routine Schedule	2-dose series: 1 <sup>st</sup> dose at 12–15 months, 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose at 4–6 years
Minimum Intervals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt; 13 years: 3 months between doses</li> <li>≥ 13 years: 4 weeks interval between doses</li> </ul>
Administration	Subcutaneous (SC) or Intramuscular (IM) injection
Packaging	Vaccine 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 and -15°C) <b>Store in freezer. Protect vaccine from light.</b>
Recommendations	<a href="#">AAP Immunization Schedule (PDF)</a> <a href="#">CDC's MMWR (2007)</a>
Program Letter	Not available
Billing Codes	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 <a href="#">Coding for Vaccine Administration (PDF)</a>
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