

Vaccines for Children Program

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REMINDER: Limited Nirsevimab (Beyfortus™) Ordering Available for All VFC Providers

Dear VFC Provider,

If your practice sees young or vulnerable infants and have not yet ordered nirsevimab (BeyfortusTM), order now to protect as many patients as possible with the scarce supplies available from the manufacturer. RSV season is here, with more than <u>11% of respiratory specimens in</u> California testing positive for RSV during the week ending November 11th and peak activity expected soon.

All VFC providers may order 50mg and 100 mg doses of Nirsevimab (BeyfortusTM) in limited quantities, with approval dependent on a provider's history of ordering <u>index routine infant vaccines</u> (hepatitis B vaccine birth doses for hospitals, first doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine for all other providers).

As you order, please keep in mind:

- VFC orders may be approved for fewer doses than requested due to ongoing scarcity.
- Most providers who routinely give the index infant vaccines (listed above) will be approved
 for 5 doses per formulation; providers who see larger numbers of VFC patients may be
 eligible for larger orders. Requests from providers with minimal historical usage of the index
 vaccines may be denied.
- Providers who have previously requested and received nirsevimab may request additional doses. However, requests will be approved based on usage and on-hand inventory of nirsevimab, as well as available supply.
- Borrowing is not allowed. VFC doses must only be administered to VFC-eligible patients.
- Ensure doses administered are reported to CAIR, following the appropriate VFC Eligibility.
- Current limits and eligibility are subject to change.
- To facilitate rapid processing, please submit an order solely for nirsevimab.

The following resources can help your practice ensure prioritization of high-risk populations in light of limited nirsevimab supply.

- IMM-1480 Nirsevimab (Beyfortus) Guide to Prevent Severe RSV in Infants and Toddlers (eziz.org).
- <u>CDC Health Advisory (10/23/23)</u>: Limited Availability of Nirsevimab in the United States— Interim CDC Recommendations to Protect Infants from Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) during the 2023–2024 Respiratory Virus Season

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving,



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