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TO: California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

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SUBJECT: **Reminder: Early MMR for infants prior to travel is covered by VFC**

On March 7, 2025, CDC issued a [health advisory](#) regarding the expanding measles outbreak in West Texas and guidance for the upcoming travel season. As a reminder, MMR vaccine is recommended starting at age 6 months prior to international travel or during an outbreak, and such use is covered by the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program for VFC-eligible children. At this time, [California](#) has not declared any outbreaks in the state. Infants who receive this early dose are still recommended to then receive a routine 2-dose series.

Per [VFC resolution](#) 10/17-3, both M-M-R II and Priorix are available through the VFC program. VFC supplies of Priorix may be given to any VFC-eligible child:

- 12 months through 18 years of age for routine immunization.
- As young as 6 months of age in an outbreak or prior to international travel.

MMR Vaccine Recommendations

MMR guidance for [international travelers](#):

- Ages 6-11 months: 1 dose before departure, followed by the routine 2-dose series at 12-15 months and 4-6 years of age
- Age 12 months and older: first dose now, second dose 28 days later

Routine [MMR guidance](#):

- Children: 2 doses, dose 1 at 12-15 months, dose 2 at 4-6 years of age
- Adults:
 - 1 dose or other evidence of immunity* if normal risk

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- 2 doses at least 28 days apart if [high risk](#), e.g., post-secondary students, healthcare workers

*Acceptable evidence of immunity against measles includes at least one of the following:

- Written documentation of adequate vaccination,
- Laboratory evidence of immunity,
- Laboratory confirmation of measles, or
- Birth in the United States before 1957.

VFC ORDERING

There are two MMR products currently available for ordering through the California VFC Program: Merck's M-M-R II and GSK's Priorix. Note: Unlike M-M-R II, Priorix must be refrigerated and NEVER frozen. VFC Providers can order these vaccines through their [myCAvax](#) account.

BILLING FOR VFC VACCINE

Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS)

To bill Medi-Cal FFS for administration of VFC-supplied doses of MMR vaccine, use the appropriate CPT-4 code **90707** (the same for Priorix and M-M-R II), followed by the "-SL" modifier, in total **90707-SL**. Providers will only be reimbursed for the administration fee when using VFC vaccines for Medi-Cal FFS-eligible patients.

For specific information and details on Medi-Cal billing, please refer to the [Medi-Cal provider manual on VFC](#). Providers with questions on Medi-Cal billing policies and procedures and Provider manual information may call the Telephone Service Center (TSC) at 1-800-541-5555.

Medi-Cal Managed Care

Please contact the specific Medi-Cal managed care health plan for information on immunization billing and reimbursement.

Other codes for the use of Priorix not supplied by VFC

- The CPT-4 code for **Priorix** and **M-M-R II** is **90707**.
- The ICD-10-CM code for an encounter for immunization is **Z23**.

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RESOURCES

- [CDC: Health Alert Network \(HAN\) - 00522 | Expanding Measles Outbreak in the United States and Guidance for the Upcoming Travel Season](#)
- [ACIP Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#)
- [Measles Vaccination for Specific Groups | Measles \(Rubeola\) | CDC](#)
- [Plan for Travel | Measles \(Rubeola\) | CDC](#)
- [Think Measles Poster](#)