



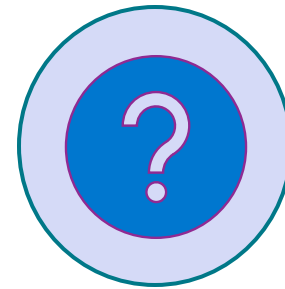
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Vaccines for Children Pharmacy Pilot Discussion

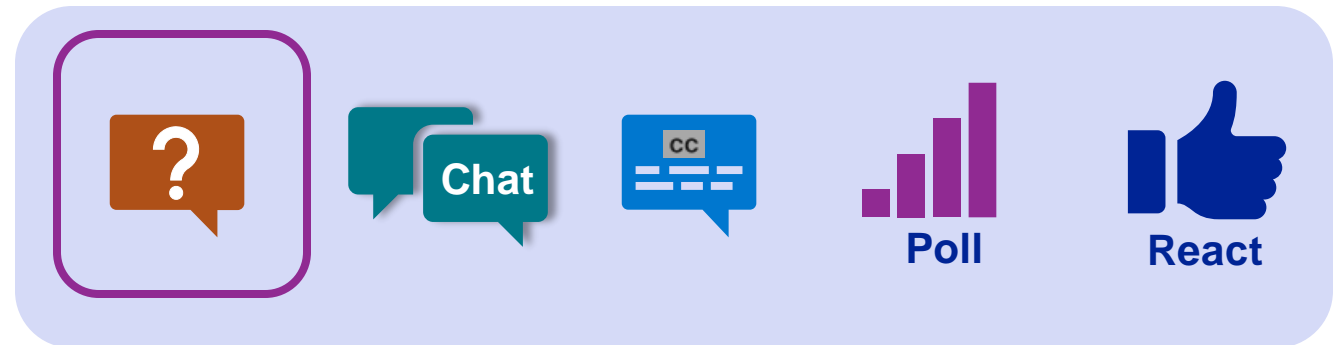
Thursday, March 13, 2025

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

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Reminder to Attendees:



Today's session is being recorded. For slides, webinar recordings, and other postings, see the [VFC Pharmacy Pilot – California Vaccines for Children \(VFC\)](#) on EZIZ.



If you have post-webinar questions, please email MyVFCVaccines@cdph.ca.gov.

Agenda: Thursday, March 13, 2025

No.	Topic	Presenters (CDPH)	Time (PM)
1	Welcome and Announcements	Leslie Amani	12:00 – 12:05
2	VFC Updates	Brenton Louie	12:05 – 12:15
3	Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)	Bassant Khalil, RPh, MBA	12:15 – 12:25
4	Pharmacy Spotlight	Sherri Cherman, PharmD, Elements Pharmacy	12:25 – 12:40
5	Q&A and Resources	Leslie Amani and VFC SMEs	12:40 – 1:00

Announcements

Leslie Amani, CDPH



California Immunization Coalition Summit

Tuesday, April 29 – Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Summit speakers include:

- Keynote Speaker, **Gary Marshall, MD**, Professor of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Louisville, School of Medicine, Author of the Purple Book
 - **Nini Muñoz, PhD – Science & Risk Communicator (New Addition!)**
 - **Dorit Reiss, PhD, Professor of Law, UC Law SF**
 - **Robert Schechter, MD, MPH, Chief, Immunization Branch, California Department of Public Health**
 - **Pia Pannaraj, MD, MPH, Professor, Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Department of Pediatrics, UC San Diego**
 - **Eric Ball, MD, President CA-AAP**
 - Panel presentation on school located vaccine events and HPV vaccination updates
 - Eight workshops
- ...and much more!



[CA Immunization Coalition Summit 2025 Information](#)



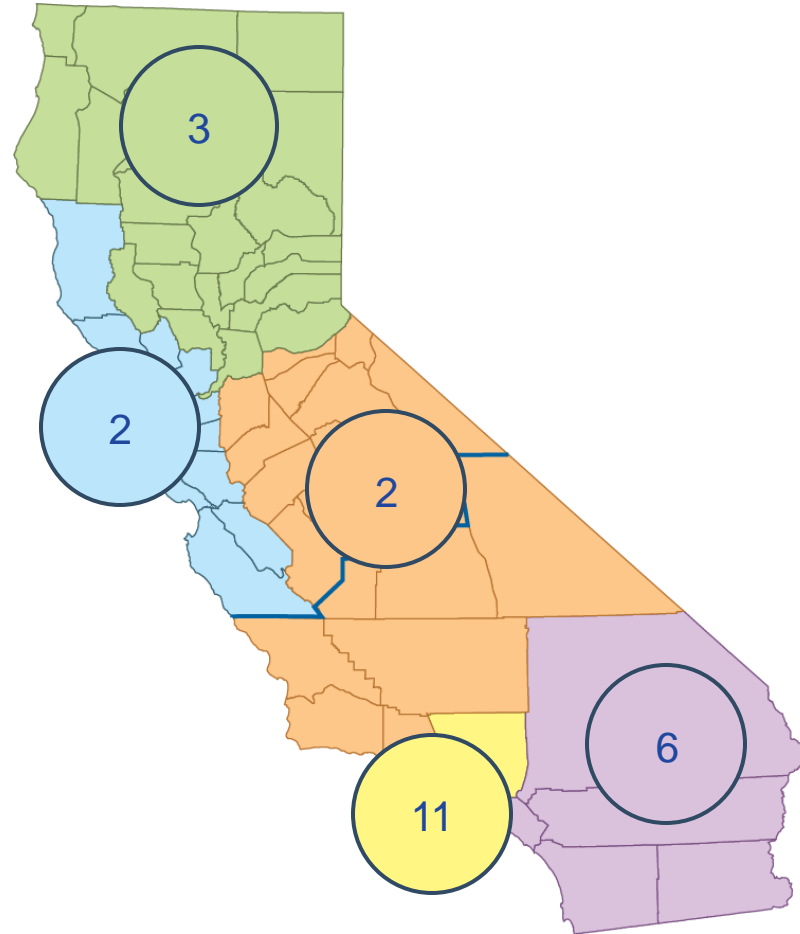
Vaccines for Children Updates

Brenton Louie, CDPH

CA VFC Pharmacy Pilot Sites – Current status

123 Invited

24 Enrolled



Participation details

Collectively, sites have ordered a total of **8,167 doses** of VFC vaccines in an **18-month period (September 2023 - February 2025)**

- 28% (2,250 doses) COVID-19
- 64% (5,187 doses) Routine
- 9% (730 doses) Flu

Dose Administration Data

VFC Pharmacy Pilot Location Orders, Self Reported Usage and CAIR Dose Admin

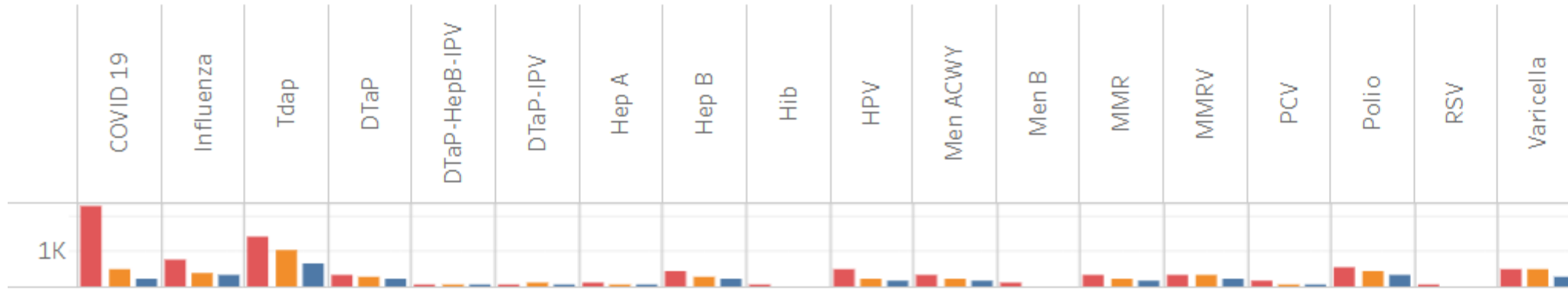
The amount the pilot pharmacy location is ordering and reporting as used in myCAvax system as compared to amount reported as administered in CAIR.

Month

Year

Location Name

Vaccine



Legend

- Total Orders
- Self Reported Usage
- CAIR Dose Admin

Vaccine Group	Vaccine	Total Orders	Self Reported Usage	CAIR Dose Admin	% Orders Self reported as Usage	% Orders reported as admin in CAIR
Combination Vaccine	DTaP-HepB-IPV	80	72	61	90%	76%
	DTaP-IPV	70	98	44	140%	63%
	MMRV	330	323	226	98%	68%
Resp	COVID 19	2,250	470	239	21%	11%
	Influenza	730	376	348	52%	48%
	RSV	37	3	2	8%	5%
Grand Total		8,167	4,655	3,199	57%	39%

Vaccine Ordering

- IIS Dose Administration Data will be added to the routine VFC order form

Report all of your on-hand inventory and doses administered below.

Vaccine Products	VFC Doses administered	VFC On-hand Inventory	Provider Inventory	Order size						
Vaccine product	*Qty used since last order	IIS Qty used since last order	% Doses submitted to IIS	*Quantity	Lot number	Expiration Date / Beyond use date	Esti Pro inven	*Qty used since last order	IIS Qty used since last order	% Doses submitted to IIS
VFC Shared COVID	8	8	100%				-18	8	8	100%
VFC Shared Flu	100	8	8%				-10			
VFC Shared Outbreak	0	8	N/A				0	8	8	100%
Unavailable for ordering; this program does not have an allocation for this product.										
VFC Shared Routine		8						100	8	8%
Daptacel Single Dose Vials - 10		3						0	8	N/A

Vaccine Ordering

Step 2 - Review Doses Requested and Confirm Additional Details



To change the program selected, navigate back to the [Vaccine Orders page](#).

*** Program Location**

SIERRA HEALTH CENTER - Vaccines for Children

Enter additional required information for your order and include comments (if needed) prior to submitting.

Order & Inventory Reporting Details VFC Doses administered

Product	Recommended order size	Doses Requested	Estimated Provider Inventory	Qty used since last order	IIS Qty used since last order ⁱ	% Doses submitted to IIS ⁱ
VFC Shared Flu	120	20	-100	100	8	8%
VFC Shared COVID	0	0	-18	8	8	100%
VFC Shared Outbreak	0	0	0	0	8	N/A

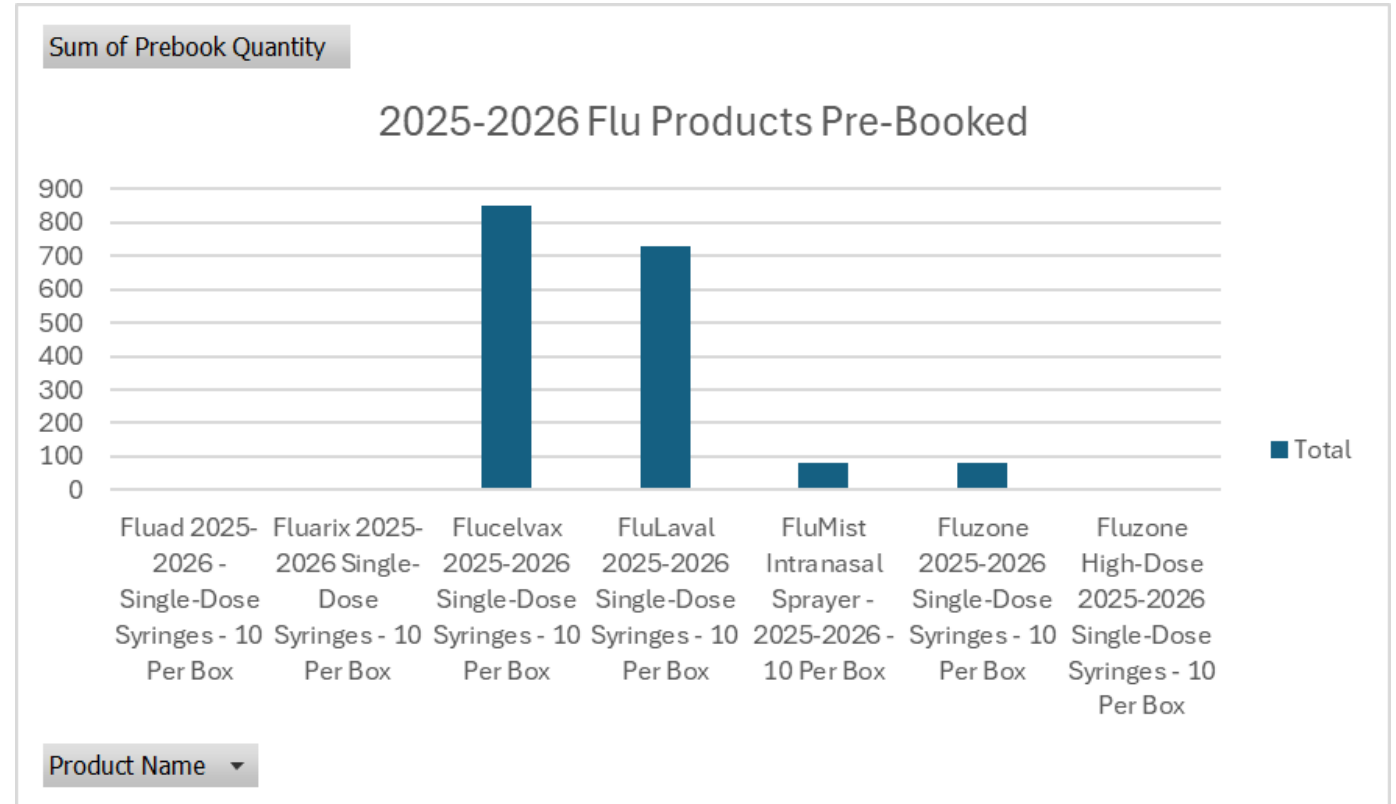
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Requirements for VFC Pharmacy Pilot Participation

- Meet VFC Program requirements
- Administer flu vaccine to all VFC-eligible children ages 3 – 18 years
- Must have vaccine storage equipment that meets VFC Program requirements
- Report doses to CAIR or RIDE
 - Electronic data submission
 - Manual data submission
- Vaccine ordering
- Participate in required surveys, webinars, and/or other VFC-related activities

2025 – 2026 Flu Pre-Book

- Fluad: 0
- Fluarix: 0
- Flucelvax: 850
- FluLaval: 730
- FluMist Intranasal Sprayer: 80
- Fluzone: 80
- Fluzone High-Dose: 0



VFC Pharmacy Pilot Participation Survey: Your input will be requested!



Overall enrollment experience



Preparation and implementation of VFC in pharmacies

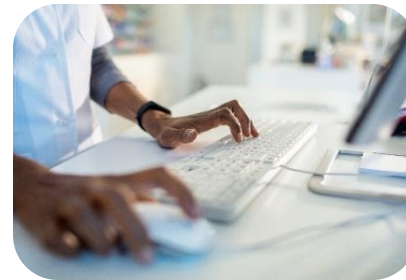


Vaccine Ordering



Vaccine Administration

- ✓ Required for all participating sites
- ✓ 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 Action	Resource/Job Aids
Practice Management Plan	Develop a current and updated vaccine management plan (VMP) for routine and emergency situations that includes practice-specific vaccine management guidelines and protocols, names of staff with temperature monitoring responsibilities, and completion date of annualized EQD review by the practice staff. Review and update the VMP at least annually, when VFC Program requirements change, and when staff with assigned vaccine management responsibilities change. Designate a staff member responsible for updating the practice's VMP. Staff with assigned vaccine management responsibilities must review, sign, and date the VMP annually and each time it is updated. Practice management responsibilities must remain, sign, and date the VMP annually and each time it is updated.	All elements are applicable for pharmacies.	Vaccine Management Plan Vaccine Management Plan Vaccine Management Plan Vaccine Management Plan
Key Practice Staff	Identify and maintain key practice staff at the practice's facility. Immediately report to the VFC Program changes for practice staff. A change in the Provider or Requestor Designee requires a signed Key Practice Staff Change Request Form. There may be required VFC roles: Provider of Record (POR) : The on-site physician-in-charge, medical director, or pharmacist, who signs the VFC "Practice Agreement" and California and Region "Practice Agreement Addendum" and ultimately is accountable for the practice's compliance. Must be a licensed MD, DO, NP, PA, pharmacist, or a certified nurse midwife with prescriptive writing privileges in California. Provider of Record Designee : The on-site person who is authorized to sign VFC Program documents and assumes responsibility for VFC-related matters in the absence of the Provider of Record. Vaccine Distributor : An on-site employee who is fully trained and responsible for transporting and dispensing the vaccine stock to management plans.	All elements are applicable for pharmacies.	Vaccine Management Plan Vaccine Management Plan Vaccine Management Plan Vaccine Management Plan

Participation Resources & Program Support

Resources

- VFC Pharmacy Pilot page: [VFC Pharmacy Pilot – California Vaccines for Children \(VFC\)](#)
- Counter Display ([IMM-1221PWeb](#))
- VFC Pharmacy Flyer – initially sent in early to mid-November 2024, and looking to refresh and send in April/May 2025



The flyer features two circular icons at the top: on the left, a doctor in a white coat and stethoscope kneeling to examine a child sitting on a table; on the right, a large adhesive bandage with a red heart in the center. The main title is in bold orange text. Below it, a paragraph in black text explains the pilot program. The pharmacy's name and logo are in a blue box. Contact information is listed in blue text. A phone icon is above the appointment information. A list of vaccines is provided in orange text. A large orange semi-circle at the bottom contains the call-to-action and phone number. A QR code is in the bottom left, and a thank-you message is in the bottom right.

DO YOUR STUDENTS NEED VACCINATIONS?

THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS CONDUCTING A PILOT PROGRAM WORKING WITH SOME NEIGHBORHOOD PHARMACIES SO STUDENTS CAN RECEIVE VACCINES QUICKLY WITHOUT HAVING TO WAIT. THIS INCLUDES NO-COST IMMUNIZATIONS FOR STUDENTS ON MEDI-CAL, WHO ARE AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE, OR WHO ARE UNINSURED (AN ADMINISTRATION FEE MAY APPLY IN SOME CASES). CALL OR VISIT THE PHARMACY BELOW TO LEARN MORE AND GET PROTECTED.

 **THE PRESCRIPTION SHOP**

ADDRESS: 1215 W WHITTIER BLVD., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640
PHONE: (323) 728-8127
WEBSITE: <https://www.mygnp.com/pharmacies/the-prescription-shop-montebello-ca-90640/store-contact/>
HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00 AM- 6:00 PM

 **ACCEPTS WALK-INS AND SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

Vaccines Offered (Ages 3+): Flu vaccine , DTaP, Polio, MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, HPV, Tdap, Meningococcal vaccine for adolescents, and COVID-19 vaccine

CALL AND SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW !

(323) 728-8127

 This [Family Guide for Immunizations](#) lists not only what is required for school, but also what is recommended for general disease protection.

 Thank you for keeping your students protected from preventable diseases and in school. If you have any further questions about immunizations and school law, visit

Department of Health Care Services

Bassant Khalil, RPh, MBA

Medi-Cal Reimbursement of Pharmacies as Vaccines for Children (VFC)-Enrolled Providers

Bassant Khalil, RPh, MBA
Pharmacy Policy Chief

Effective Date and Requirements

Effective August 2024, DHCS will reimburse pharmacy providers as Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers.

- Pharmacy must be enrolled under Medi-Cal.
- Pharmacy must enroll as a VFC provider.
- Pharmacist must enroll as ORP under Medi-Cal.
- Reimbursement is in accordance with the statutory authority of [Welfare and Institution Code Section 14132.968 \(3\)](#), under Pharmacist Services.

Pharmacy Reimbursement Details

Three different services can be billed for administering a VFC vaccine to a Medi-Cal member:

- 1. Vaccine Administration**
- 2. Professional Dispensing Fee**
- 3. Pharmacist Services (*Evaluation and assessment for vaccination*)**

Reimbursement rates for Pharmacies are 85% of that of Medical Providers pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, section 14132.968.

Cost of the vaccine will not be reimbursed since supplied free under the VFC program.

Billing is under the pharmacy, not individual pharmacists.

Pharmacy Reimbursement Details:

Vaccine Administration Fee

	Prior to August 2024		Pharmacy Claims: After August 2024 (Effective retroactive to 1/1/2023)	
Member Type	Managed Care	FFS	Managed Care	FFS
Reimbursement Amount	N/A	N/A	\$7.65	\$7.65
Type of Claim	N/A	N/A	Pharmacy Claim to Medi-Cal Rx	Pharmacy Claim to Medi-Cal Rx
	Prior to August 2024		Medical Claims: Starting August 2024 (Effective retroactive to 1/1/2023)	
Member Type	Managed Care	FFS	Managed Care	FFS
Reimbursement Amount	N/A	N/A	Determined by MCP	\$7.65
Type of Claim	N/A	N/A	Medical Claim to MCP	Medical Claim to DHCS/CA-MMIS

Resources: Billing details including vaccine CPT codes can be found in the [VFC section](#) of the Medi-Cal provider manual

Pharmacy Reimbursement Details:

Vaccine Administration Fee: COVID-19

	Pharmacy Claims: Effective through ARP (9/30/2024)		Pharmacy Claims: Starting October 1, 2024 (Effective post end of ARP)	
Member Type	Managed Care	FFS	Managed Care	FFS
Reimbursement Amount	\$40	\$40	\$7.65	\$7.65
Type of Claim	Pharmacy Claim to Medi-Cal Rx	Pharmacy Claim to Medi-Cal Rx	Pharmacy Claim to Medi-Cal Rx	Pharmacy Claim to Medi-Cal RX
	Medical Claims: Effective through ARP (9/30/2024)		Medical Claims: Starting October 1, 2024 (Effective post end of ARP)	
Member Type	Managed Care	FFS	Managed Care	FFS
Reimbursement Amount	\$40	\$40	\$7.65	\$7.65
Type of Claim	*Medical Claim to DHCS/CA-MMIS	*Medical Claim to DHCS/CA-MMIS	*Medical Claim to DHCS/CA-MMIS	*Medical Claim to DHCS/CA-MMIS

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* Medical Claims to DHCS/CA-MMIS should be submitted using the CMS 1500 Form: Information can be found here.

Reimbursement Details:

Professional Dispensing Fee

	Prior to August 2024		Starting after August 2024 (Effective retroactive to 1/1/2023)	
Member Type	Managed Care	FFS	Managed Care	FFS
Reimbursement Amount	N/A	N/A	\$13.20 (less than 90,000 claims/year) \$10.05 (90,000 or more claims/year)	\$13.20 (less than 90,000 claims/year) \$10.05 (90,000 or more claims/year)
Type of Claim	N/A	N/A	Medi-Cal Rx	Medi-Cal Rx

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	Effective through ARP (9/30/2024)		Starting October 1, 2024 (Effective post end of ARP)	
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Type of Claim	N/A	N/A	Medi-Cal Rx	Medi-Cal Rx

Pharmacy Reimbursement Details:

Pharmacist Services (Consultation and Assessment) Fee: All Vaccines

	Current and Future (no change)	
Member Type	Managed Care	FFS
Reimbursement Amount	Determined by MCP	\$15.39 (99212, Existing Patient) \$29.16 (99202, New Patient)
Type of Claim	Pharmacist Services Medical Claim to MCP (MCP Immunization Services Requirements)	Medical Claim to DHCS/CA-MMIS * Medical Claims should be submitted using CMS 1500 Form

Resources: Details on billing Pharmacist Services under FFS can be found [here](#).

Note: Patient status of “new or existing” is based on whether the patient has already been to a specific pharmacy location, not a pharmacy chain.

Pharmacy Reimbursement Details:

Total Reimbursement (Excluding COVID-19)

	Prior to August 2024		After August 2024 (retroactive to 1/1/23)	
Member Type	Managed Care	FFS	Managed Care	FFS
Vaccine Administration	N/A	N/A	\$7.65 or Determined by MCP	\$7.65
Professional Dispensing	N/A	N/A	\$13.20 (less than 90,000 claims/year) \$10.05 (90,000 or more claims/year)	\$13.20 (less than 90,000 claims/year) \$10.05 (90,000 or more claims/year)
Pharmacist Services	Determined by MCP	\$15.39 (99212) \$29.16 (99202)	Determined by MCP	\$15.39 (99212) \$29.16 (99202)
Total	Determined by MCP	\$15.39 or \$29.16	Determined by MCP, but at least \$17.70 to \$20.85	\$33.09 to \$50.01

Pharmacy Spotlight

Sherri Cherman, PharmD, Elements Pharmacy



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ELEMENTS OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH

Specialized Patient Care Leading to Outstanding Outcomes

Community Pharmacy with Preventive Health Specialty Focus



- Vaccine Specialty
 - LACDPH Mobile Vaccination Partner Pharmacy
 - Long-Term Care - all levels
 - Schools
 - Community Events
 - Anywhere 😊

- Point-of-Care Testing
 - Ending the HIV Epidemic PrEP Centers of Excellence
 - COVID, Flu, Strep A – CPA to initiate therapy for COVID and Flu

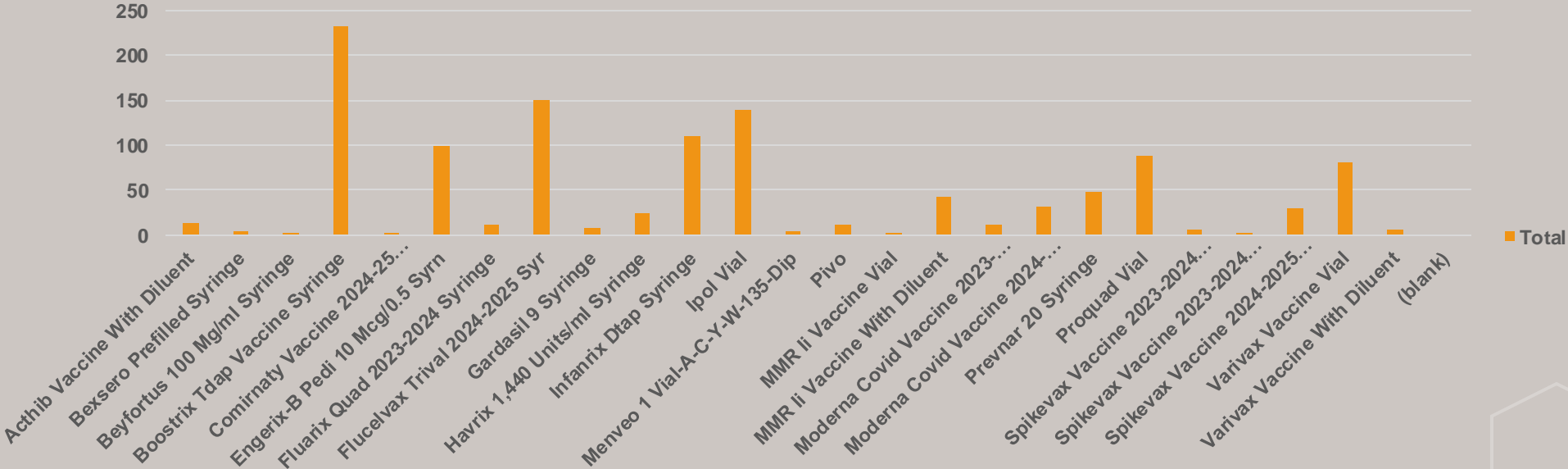
- Other Preventive Health Programs in Progress



2024 VFC Vaccines

- Over 1150 VFC vaccines administered in 2024
- 2/3 billable to Medi-Cal (dispense fee / COVID < 3yo)
- 1/3 not billable to Medi-Cal – uninsured

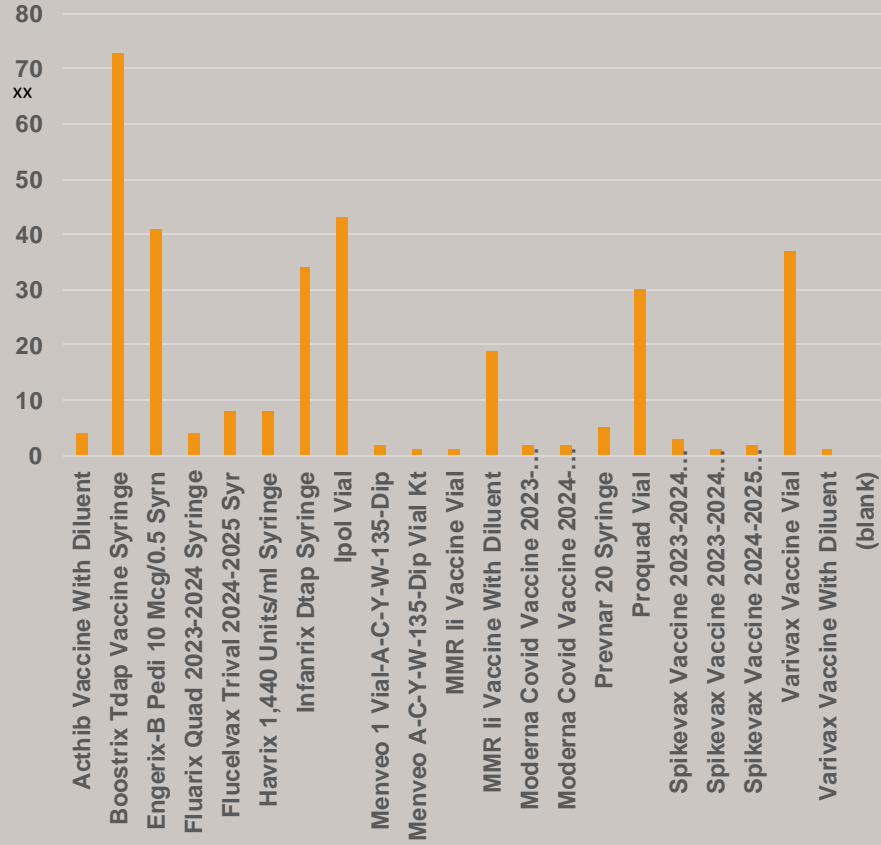
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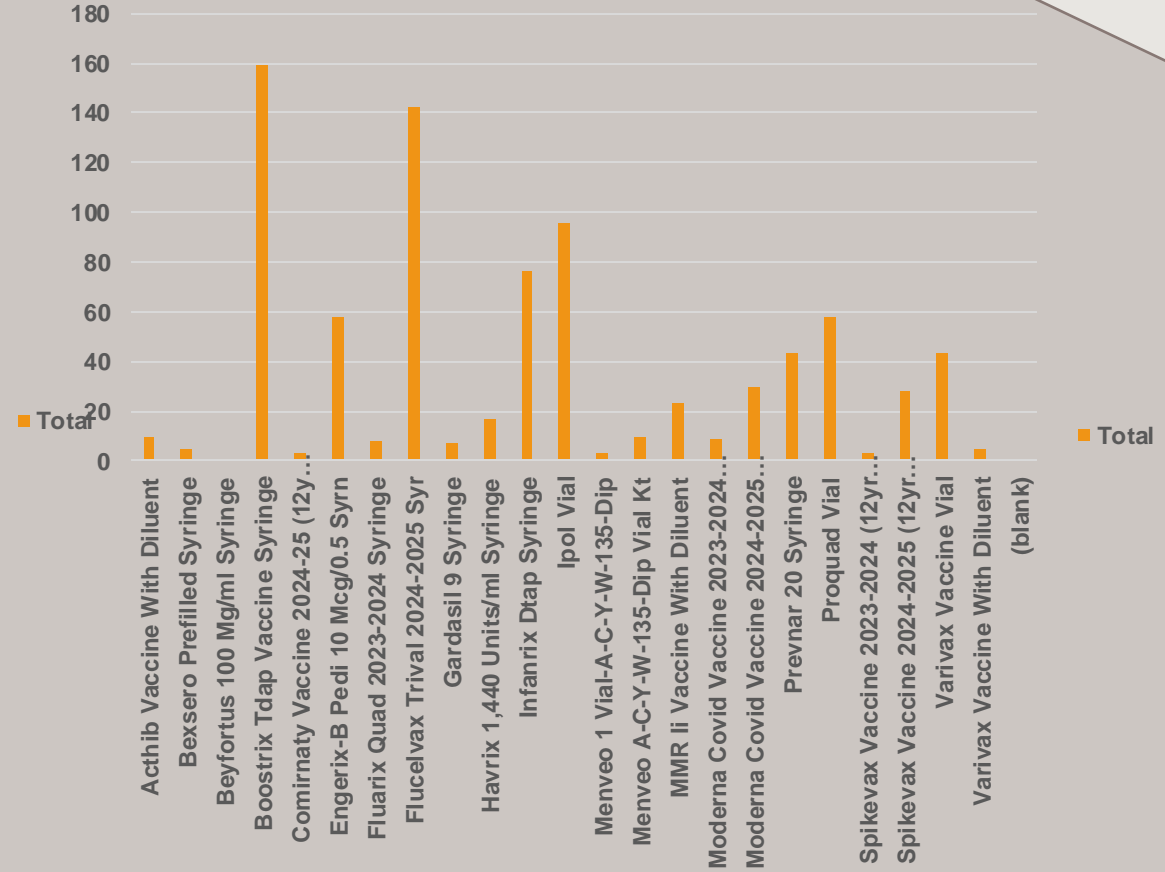
VFC Vaccines - Uninsured vs. Medi-Cal



Uninsured VFC Vaccines



Vaccines with Medi-Cal Admin Fee



VFC Partnerships and Referrals



- LACDPH – Mobile Vaccine Clinics
- Public and Private School referrals – Vaccines at the pharmacy
- Private and Charter Schools – Mobile Vaccine Clinics
- Community Events
- LAUSD Partnership Agreement in Process
- Skilled Nursing Facilities / Intermediate Care Facilities – Pediatric
- Doctors’ offices / Clinics – Immediate service, extended hours
- Community Outreach

Key Points – VFC Program



- Partners should encourage parents to provide all vaccine records – CAIR often not updated and very helpful when families bring vaccine records to planned events
- Become familiar with reading vaccination records from other countries – vaccine names and combinations can differ from U.S.
- Screening process training
- Can take awhile between ordering and receiving VFC vaccines – plan ahead
- Balance between having enough vaccines and too many – providers are responsible for expired / wasted vaccines
- Always reach out to your VFC assigned representatives with any issues – amazingly helpful group



Successes and Challenges

Successes 😊

- Lot's of VFC vaccines administered in various settings
- VFC vaccines are a super helpful additional service available for the community
- Great support from the VFC program

Challenges 😞

- Billing Medi-Cal vs. MCP for initiation fee
- Failed cooler as a new provider resulting in spoiled varicella vaccine
- Balancing vaccine inventory and provider responsibility for spoiled/wasted vaccines – risk of expired vaccines
- Maintaining separate stock when providing mobile clinics – As a new provider, mobile clinic vaccinator has administered commercial vaccines instead of VFC. Be sure to have a solid process for storing vaccines.

Medi-Cal Billing for VFC Vaccine Initiation and Administration



See Additional Slides





Vaccines for Children – Medi-Cal Billing – What is Covered?

- Professional Services - Vaccine Administration
 - FFS and Managed Care Plan (MCP) members (pharmacy claim or medical claim) OR as a medical claim using CPT coding - \$7.65
- Vaccine Initiation Fee (Consultation and Assessment)
 - Must be submitted as a medical claim (FFS to DHCS, MCP members to the MCP)
 - FFS: 99202 = \$29.16, 99212 = \$15.39
 - MCP: Refer to MCP rates
- Professional Dispensing Fee - \$13.20 or \$10.05 (Remember to submit your survey in March 2025)
 - FFS and Managed Care Plan (MCP) members (pharmacy claim or medical claim) OR as a medical claim using CPT coding

Vaccines for Children – Medi-Cal Billing – What is Covered?



- Vaccine cost is not reimbursed because VFC vaccines are free to pharmacies
- Commercial COVID-19 vaccines are payable by Medi-Cal for >3yo - Administration fee after 10/1/2024 is \$34.00
- Billing is retroactive to January 1, 2023



Ordering and Rendering Provider (ORP)

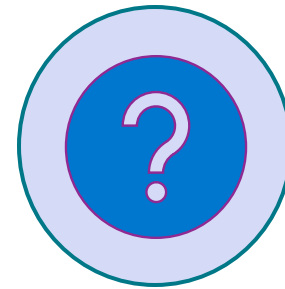
- The ordering pharmacist must be enrolled in Medi-Cal as an Ordering, Referring and Prescribing (ORP) provider
- Pharmacists must obtain an individual (Type 1) NPI number. An Organizational (Type 2) NPI number is not acceptable
- Enrollment via PAVE
- Instructions for enrollment as an ORP can be found at:

[**DHCS Ordering/Referring/Prescribing Only Enrollment Information**](#)

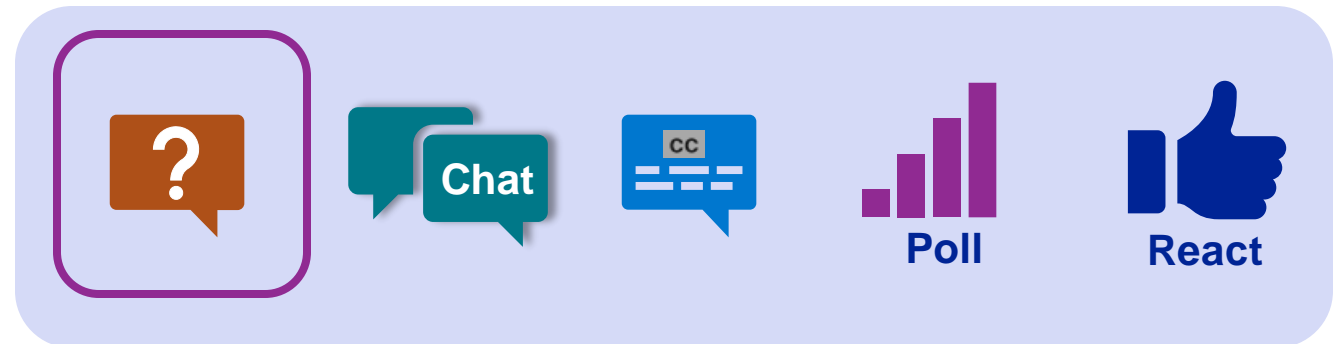
Q&A, Discussion, and Resources

Leslie Amani and VFC Subject Matter Experts,
CDPH

Q&A



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