

California Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program - Year 3 Program Requirements -



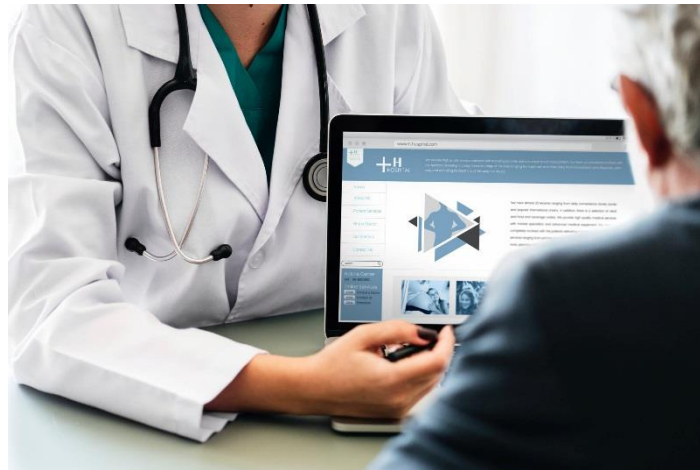
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Session Outline

- Program Goals and Objectives
- Patient Eligibility
- Year 2 Accomplishments
- Year 3 Program Requirements
- Resources
- Q&A

Program Goals and Objectives



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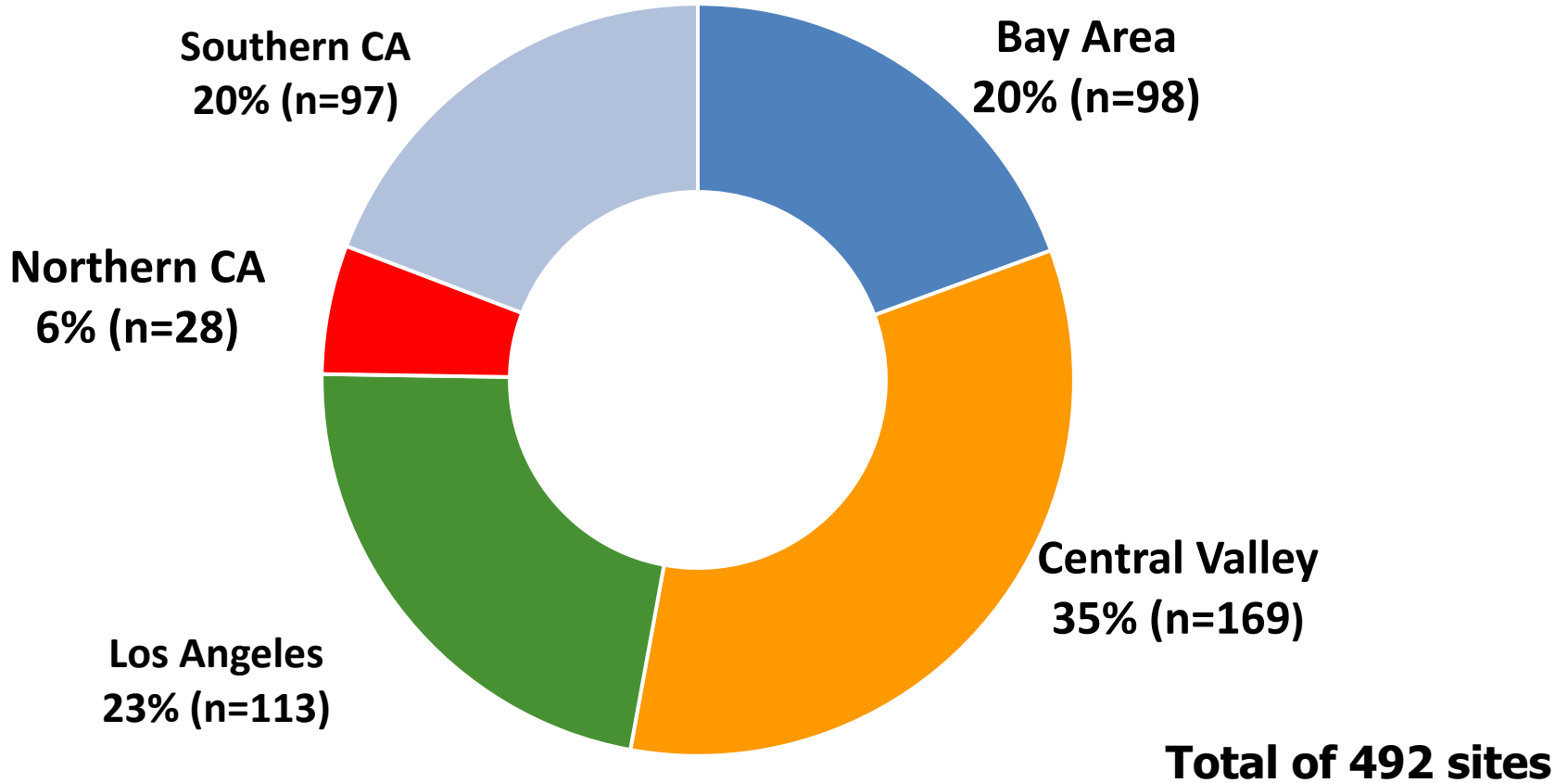
- To provide vaccines at no cost to eligible adults
 - Expand access to 317-funded vaccines to Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Centers in CA
- To integrate [the standards for adult immunization practice](#) into routine clinical care
 - **ASSESS** immunization status of all adult patients at every visit
 - Strongly **RECOMMEND** vaccines that adult patients need
 - **ADMINISTER** needed vaccines or **REFER** to a provider who can immunize
 - **DOCUMENT** vaccines received by your adult patients

Year 2 (2018) Accomplishments

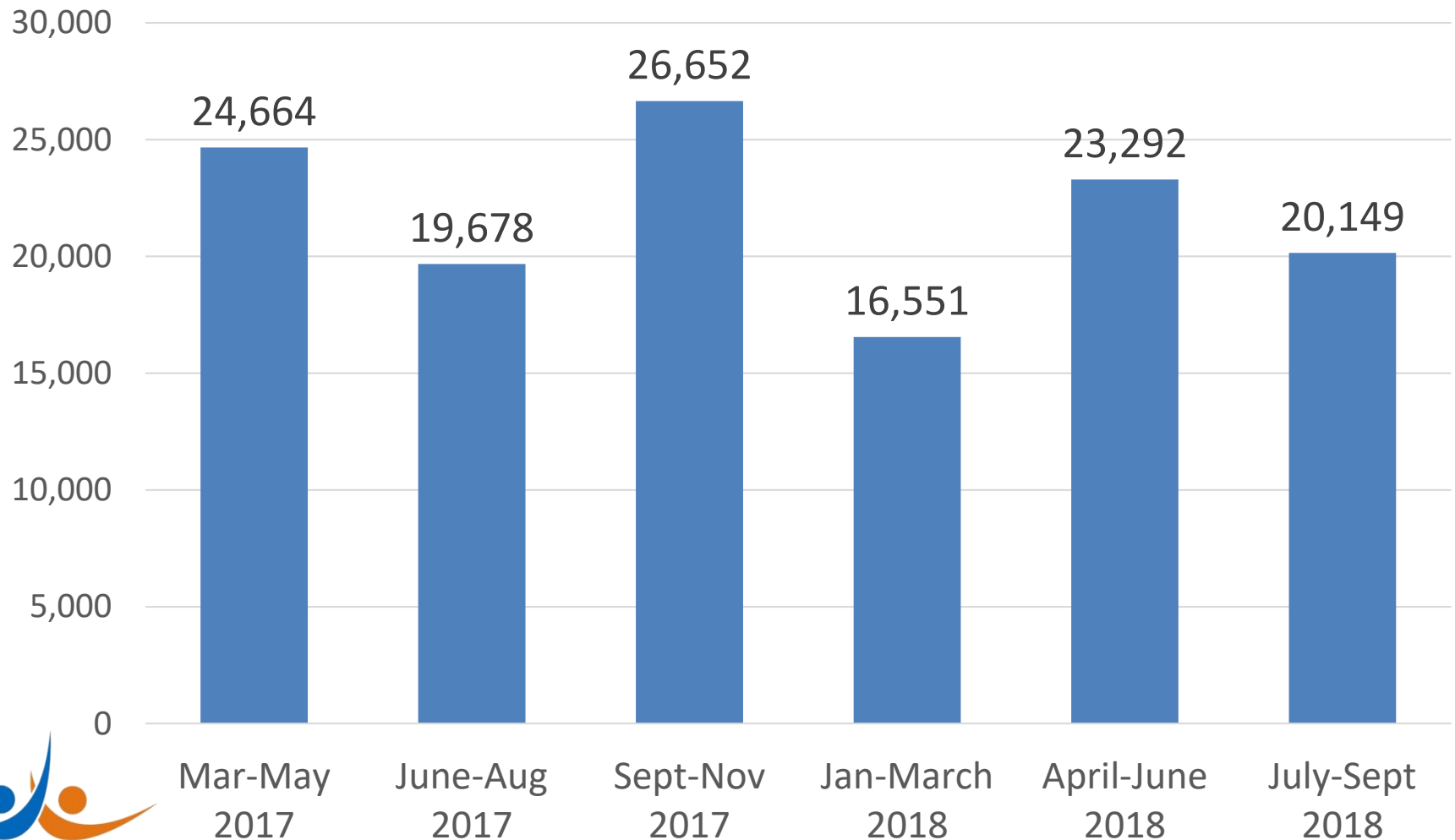
VFA Program Enrollment

- **Year 1:** Enrolled **457** clinical sites:
 - **440** sites that belong to 108 FQHCs and FQHC lookalikes
 - **17** RHC, Indian Health Services (IHS) or tribal health sites
- **Year 2:** Enrolled **61** additional clinical sites from existing VFA health center organizations
 - Sites belong to 24 FQHC and lookalike organizations
- **Year 3:** Total **492** sites (no new enrollments)

VFA Sites in California, by Region



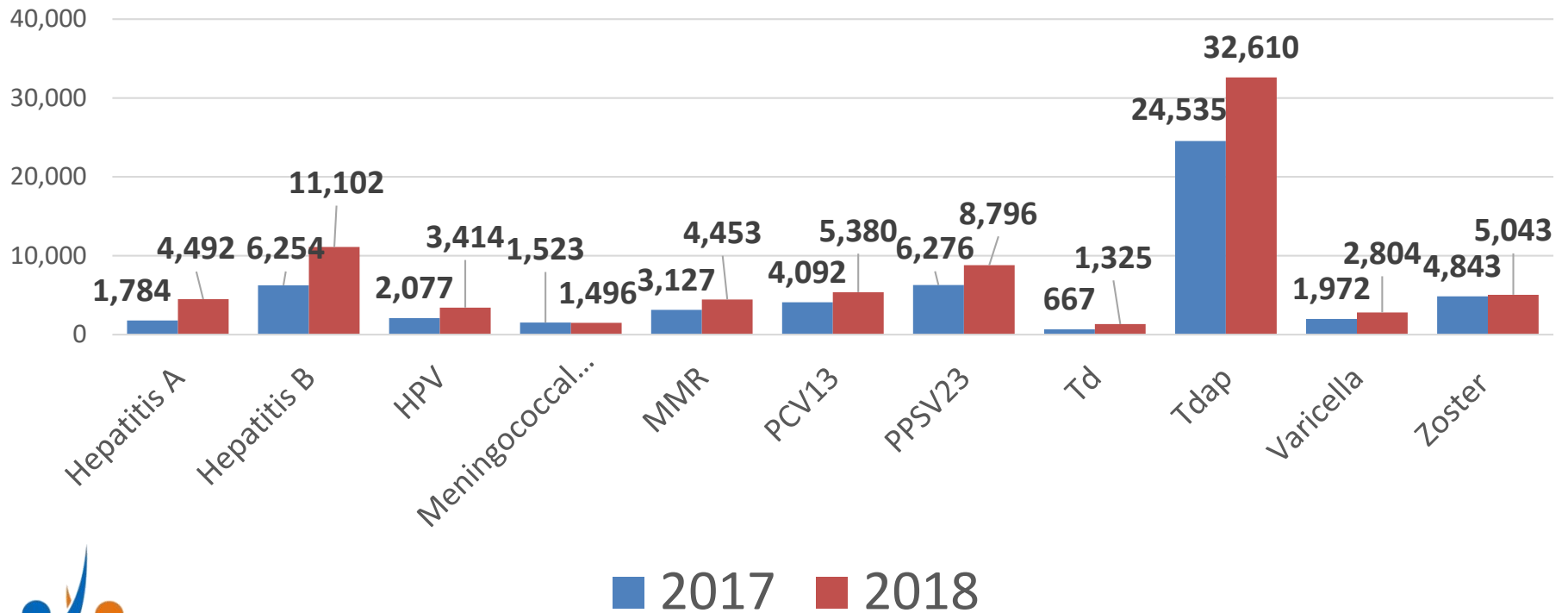
VFA Vaccines Quarterly Doses Administered



VFA Doses Administered During First 3 Quarters of Year 1 and Year 2

Doses administered 2017 (Jan- Oct 2017): **57,150**

Doses administered 2018 (Jan- Oct 2018): **80,915**



VFA Year 2 (2018)

Accomplishments

- Provided program support and technical assistance to 457 clinical sites
- Developed educational materials and program resources for VFA clinics and conducted 3 webinars attended by 500+ participants
- Developed system to collect quarterly reports of vaccine administration and program qualitative data
- Conducted mid-year program survey to inform planning for Year 3

VFA Year 2



VACCINE ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
 For FQHCs, FQHC Look-Alikes and Rural Health Centers (RHC) enrolled in the California Vaccines for Adults (VFA) and Vaccines for Children (VFC) Programs



	Vaccines for Children (VFC) Funded Vaccine	California Vaccines for Adults (VFA) 317-Funded Vaccine
Age	Children birth through 18 years of age meeting any of these eligibility criteria:	Adults 19 years of age and older meeting one of the following eligibility criteria:
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medi-Cal/CHDP eligible • Uninsured (no health insurance) • Underinsured (health insurance does not cover vaccines or only covers select vaccines (only eligible at FQHCs and RHCs). • American Indian & Alaskan Native 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uninsured (no health insurance) • Underinsured (Eligible only if listed vaccines are not covered by insurance) <p>Note: Fully insured adults are not eligible to receive VFA vaccines (adults enrolled in Medi-Cal/Medi-Cal managed care plans are considered fully insured).</p>
Vaccine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ DTaP ✓ Hepatitis A ✓ Hepatitis B ✓ Hib ✓ HPV ✓ Influenza ✓ Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4) ✓ Meningococcal B (MenB) ✓ MMR ✓ Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13) ✓ Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPSV23) ✓ Polio (IPV) ✓ Rotavirus ✓ Td ✓ Tdap ✓ Varicella 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hepatitis A ✓ Hepatitis B¹ ✓ HPV ✓ Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4) ✓ MMR ✓ Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13) ✓ Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPSV23) ✓ Td ONLY when Tdap is not indicated² ✓ Tdap² ✓ Varicella ✓ Zoster

¹If patient has Medicare Part B but does not have Medicare Part D, then patient is only covered if patient is considered low-risk for contracting Hepatitis B.
²Includes patients that have Medicare Part B but do not have Medicare Part D, and do not have a wound.

Patient Eligibility



Scenario #1

Yes or No



Sam is 20 years of age and has private insurance that covers all ACIP-recommended vaccines. However, he has a high deductible which has not been met. Is he eligible for the VFA program?

Scenario #2

Yes or No



Ana is a 71-year-old woman with Medicare Part B but NOT Part D. Her doctor recommends she get Shingrix[®] vaccine. Is she eligible for Shingrix[®] through the VFA program?

Patient Eligibility

Patients 19 years of age and older who are

- **Uninsured**: Does **not** have (public or private) health insurance coverage.

OR

- **Underinsured**: Has health insurance but coverage
 - does **not** include vaccines OR
 - covers **only** select vaccines.

Patients Eligible for (Certain) VFA Vaccines

Patients who

1. Receive primary care through county safety net programs
2. Have Medicare Part B but NOT Part D
3. Are non-pregnant adults on restricted-scope Medi-Cal (aka emergency Medi-Cal)

Patients Eligible for VFA Vaccines

1. Patients who receive primary care through county safety net programs
 - These programs are NOT considered health insurance and so patients are considered **uninsured**
 - See [List of County Safety Net Programs for Uninsured](#) to find your county's safety net program contact info

Patients Eligible for (Certain) VFA Vaccines

2. Patients who **only** have Medicare Part B but **NOT** Part D are **underinsured** and eligible for these VFA vaccines:
- Zoster (including Shingrix[®])
 - Tdap
 - Td if patient does NOT have a wound
 - Hep B if patient is NOT high or intermediate risk

Consult [VFA Program Eligibility Based on Insurance Status](#) for more info

Patients Eligible for VFA Vaccines

3. Restricted-scope Medi-Cal for non-pregnant adults does not cover vaccines unless a vaccine is needed for an emergency, such as Td vaccine for wound management

Consult [VFA FAQs](#) Q8 for more information

Patients NOT Eligible for VFA

- Full Scope Medi-Cal FFS or Managed Care
- Share of Cost Medi-Cal
- Pregnancy-Only (otherwise known as Presumptive Eligibility) Medi-Cal
- Medicare Part B AND Part D
- Private insurance coverage for vaccines **EVEN IF** patient has
 - A high deductible or co-pay
 - A deductible that has not been met
 - Insurance with cost-sharing (and must pay out of pocket)

Eligibility Questions?

- VFA Program Eligibility Based on Insurance Status
- VFA/VFC Vaccine Eligibility Guidelines
- List of County Safety Net Programs for Uninsured
- VFA FAQs (Q5-Q13)
- 317 Eligibility Screening Record for Adult Patients | Spanish

CA Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program Eligibility Based on Insurance Status



Patient Health Insurance Status	VFA (317 – Funded Vaccine) Eligibility
Uninsured/No Insurance (Includes those who receive primary care through county safety net programs; these are NOT considered health insurance)	Eligible for ALL VFA vaccines
Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service/ Medi-Cal Managed Care bit.do/healthplandirectory	NOT Eligible for VFA vaccines ¹
Medicare Part B (medical benefit)² AND Part D (prescription drug benefit)	NOT Eligible for VFA vaccines
Medicare Part B Alone²	Eligible for these routine VFA vaccines: • Zoster • Tdap • Td if patient does NOT have a wound • Hep B if patient NOT high or intermediate risk
Medicare Part D Alone²	Eligible for these routine VFA vaccines: • PPSV23 • PCV13 • Hep B
Insurance NOT through Medi-Cal or Medicare	Only eligible for VFA vaccines that are NOT covered by patient's private insurance plan ⁴

¹Full scope Medi-Cal covers all ACIP-recommended vaccines.

²Medicare Part B covers medical services including: influenza, pneumococcal (PPSV23 and PCV13), and other vaccines (such as Td).

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Yes or No

Sam is 20 years of age and has private insurance that covers all ACIP-recommended vaccines. However, he has a high deductible which has not been met. Is he eligible for the VFA program?



Scenario #1: Answer

NO! Sam is NOT eligible for the VFA program

Patients with

- high deductibles
- high co-pays
- cost-sharing, OR
- a deductible which has not been met

are NOT eligible for VFA vaccines

Scenario #2

Yes or No



Ana is a 71-year-old woman with Medicare Part B but NOT Part D. Her doctor recommends she get Shingrix[®] vaccine. Is she eligible for Shingrix[®] through the VFA program?

Scenario #2: Answer

YES! She is eligible for Shingrix[®] through the VFA program.

She does not have insurance coverage for Zoster (Shingles) vaccine, because Medicare Part B alone does not cover it.

Program Requirements for Year 3

2019 VFA Recertification

- Renewal of participation in VFA will occur at the same time as VFC Recertification
- As part of this process, clinics agree to participate according to set programs requirements
- Ensuring that your clinic staff is familiar with these requirements is key to a successful VFA participation!

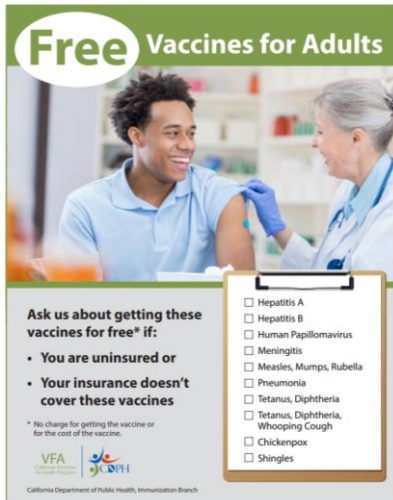
VFA Supplied Vaccines are Federally Funded

- VFA vaccines are purchased with federal Section 317 Funds
- Require accurate accountability, prevention of unnecessary waste, and use only in eligible populations
- Participation requirements for VFA are intended to assist in assuring the integrity of the program, avoiding unintended abuse or fraud of federally purchased vaccine supplies

Program Requirements for Year 3



1. VFA vaccines **must be documented electronically** (via EHR or CAIR)
2. VFA-eligible patients **must not be charged an admin fee** for vaccines.
3. VFA **poster must be posted** and visible to patients (e.g., waiting room)
4. Provider agreement includes definition of fraud and abuse.



Program Requirements Changes for Year 3

Documenting vaccine administration

You may document VFA vaccine doses administered using one of the following options:

- Enter doses directly **into your Electronic Health Record (EHR)**

OR

- Enter doses directly **into your immunization registry** (in CAIR2, as 317 LHD HDAS doses). Contact your [Local CAIR Representative](#) if you have any questions.

NOTE: In 2020, **all VFA providers will be required to submit vaccine doses to the registry** (CAIR or local registry)



Administration Fees

- Administration fees for VFA vaccines must be waived for patients-be sure your billing department is aware of this and updates billing codes as needed

Post the following poster in your waiting room

[VFA Patient Poster](#) | [Spanish](#)
English and Spanish copy of VFA poster will be mailed to clinics in the next couple months

Free Vaccines for Adults

Ask us about getting these vaccines for free* if:

- You are uninsured or
- Your insurance doesn't cover these vaccines

* No charge for getting the vaccine or for the cost of the vaccine.

Hepatitis A
 Hepatitis B
 Human Papillomavirus
 Meningitis
 Measles, Mumps, Rubella
 Pneumonia
 Tetanus, Diphtheria
 Tetanus, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough
 Chickenpox
 Shingles

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Fraud and Abuse

All VFA organizations will operate in manner intended to avoid fraud and abuse

Fraud: is an intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a person with the knowledge that the deception could result in some unauthorized benefit to himself or some other person. It includes any act that constitutes fraud under applicable federal or state law

Abuse: provider practices that are inconsistent with sound fiscal, business, or medical practices and result in an unnecessary cost to the program or in reimbursement for services that are not medically necessary or that fail to meet professionally recognized standards for health care.

VFA Ordering

- Orders will be submitted quarterly during a two-week period at the beginning of each quarter
 - Ordering periods* for year 3:
 - January 7-16, 2019
 - April 2-16, 2019
 - July 2-16, 2019
 - October 1-15, 2019
- *subject to change as needed

Provider and Staff Resources

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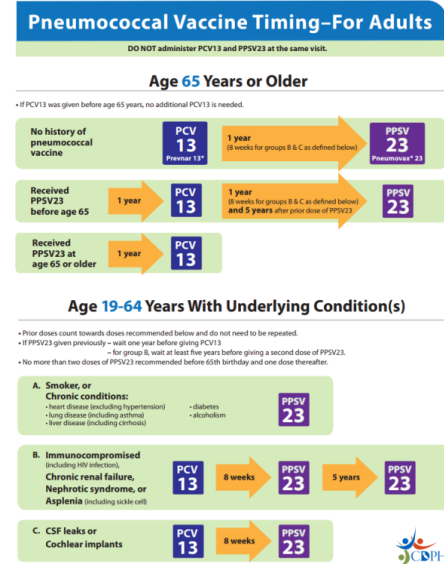
- bit.do/VFAresources
- [Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing Guide](#)

Immunization Education & Training

- [EZIZ](#)
- [CDC](#)
 - [You Call the Shots](#)
 - [Current Issues in Immunization NetConference](#)

Making a strong recommendation

- [Medscape](#)
- [CDC handout](#)



S **SHARE** the tailored reasons why the recommended vaccine is right for the patient given his or her age, health status, lifestyle, occupation, or other risk factors.

H **HIGHLIGHT** positive experiences with vaccines (personal or in your practice), as appropriate, to reinforce the benefits and strengthen confidence in vaccination.

A **ADDRESS** patient questions and any concerns about the vaccine, including side effects, safety, and vaccine effectiveness in plain and understandable language.

R **REMIN**d patients that vaccines protect them and their loved ones from many common and serious diseases

E **EXPLAIN** the potential costs of getting the disease, including serious health effects, time lost (such as missing work or family obligations), and financial costs.

For tips on answering common patient questions and links to patient education materials, see back.

Patient Education Resources

- [EZIZ – Click on “Adults” or “Pregnant Women” tab](#)
- [CDC](#)
- [Immunization Action Coalition](#)



You may not realize it, but changes to your body during pregnancy put you and your baby at risk for serious complications from flu or whooping cough.

How common are these diseases?

Each year, millions of Californians get flu, and hundreds of babies under 6 months of age are hospitalized due to flu. In 2014, over 11,000 people in California became ill with whooping cough, hundreds were hospitalized, and three infants died. In 2010, almost 10,000 Californians caught whooping cough, and 10 infants died. Tragically, more than 7 out of 10 babies hospitalized were younger than 6 months old.

How can I protect my baby and myself?

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that all pregnant women get these life-saving shots:

- Flu Shot**
By late October (if possible). If you missed it, get it now!
- Whooping Cough Shot (Tdap)**
As early as possible during your third trimester—27 to 36 weeks of pregnancy—even if you got the shot before becoming pregnant. You will need to get the Tdap shot during every pregnancy.



Pass protection to your baby.
Get immunized during pregnancy.

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Do you smoke? Have asthma, diabetes, or a weakened immune system?



You may be at high risk for pneumonia—a serious lung infection

Pneumonia can be life-threatening!

- 900,000 Americans get pneumonia every year.
- Nearly half a million are hospitalized.
- About 1 in 20 dies.

If you are 19 or older with any of these conditions, ask your doctor about getting pneumonia shots (pneumococcal [NEW-moe-KOK-a] vaccines).

- ✓ Cigarette smoker
- ✓ Asthma
- ✓ Diabetes
- ✓ Certain cancers or having chemotherapy
- ✓ Heart, kidney, and liver diseases
- ✓ Sickle cell disease
- ✓ Cerebrospinal fluid leaks
- ✓ A cochlear implant
- ✓ HIV/AIDS
- ✓ A bone marrow or organ transplant

Get your pneumonia shots. They might save your life.

Learn more at cdc.gov or call 1-800-CDC-INFO. If you smoke, call 1-800-NO-BUTTS.

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If you are 65+ YOU NEED 2 PNEUMONIA SHOTS



Pneumonia can be life-threatening.

Pneumonia is a serious lung infection that can lead to hospitalization and death.

Older adults are at high risk for getting pneumonia. Vaccines can help prevent a leading cause of pneumonia.

Talk to your doctor about when to get the shots. Two different pneumonia shots are now recommended if you're 65 or older. Even if you already got one, you need both for best protection. It could save your life.

Learn more at www.cdc.gov or call 1-800-CDC-INFO

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Next steps and important dates

- Anticipated Recertification launch date:
December 2018
- Next ordering period: Jan 7-16, 2019
- Webinar slides and recording to be posted
on the VFA webpage by mid-November
- Program evaluation Year 2 (2018):
December 2018

Questions?

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