VFA Program Updates and Year 4 Program Requirements

CDPH Immunization Branch
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Agenda

• Program Overview
• Summary of Quality Assurance (QA) Visits
• Updates to ACIP Recommendations
• Year 4 Program Requirements
  – Updated Provider Agreement
  – Immunization Information System (CAIR/Healthy Futures/SDIR) Enrollment Requirements
• Recertification
• Reminders
VFA Provider Eligibility

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), FQHC Look-Alikes, and Rural Health Centers that can demonstrate:

- Participation in the CA Vaccines for Children Program (VFC);
- Experience providing a safety net for uninsured and underinsured adults;
- Participation in an Immunization Information System (e.g., California Immunization Registry - CAIR) or use of an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system

Resource: VFA Program Overview
VFA Patient Eligibility

Uninsured and underinsured adults, 19 years of age and older, served by the clinic.

- **Uninsured**: A person without any health insurance coverage (public or private coverage).
- **Underinsured**: A person who has health insurance, but the coverage does not include vaccines or a person whose insurance covers only selected vaccines.

Resource: [VFA FAQs](#)
VFA Program-Year 4

- Total of 409 providers enrolled in the program

- Southern California, 85
- Bay Area, 68
- Nor Cal, 17
- Los Angeles, 107
- Central Valley, 132
VFA Doses Ordered, by Quarter, 2017-2019

- Q1: 28K, 64K
- Q2: 33K, 48K
- Q3: 34K, 45K
- Q4: 29K, 49K, 47K

Legend:
- Blue: 2017
- Red: 2018
- Green: 2019

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VFA Doses Ordered by Vaccine, 2019
VFA Quality Assurance Site Visits

Contracted with external evaluator to conduct 30 site visits

Tulare, Kern, and Los Angeles

Two areas of improvement:

- Vaccine documentation
- Eligibility documentation
Vaccine Documentation

- 15/30 clinics missing the vaccine administrator’s title and 13/30 missing the Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) info.

- Federal law (42 U.S.C. §300aa-25) requires that providers include all of the following:
  - name of the vaccine
  - date given
  - route and administration site
  - lot number and manufacturer
  - name and title of the person who administered the vaccine
  - practice’s name and address
  - VIS publication date and date VIS was provided
Vaccine Documentation
Recommendations

Review all required vaccine documentation elements

Add “hard stops” to your EHR/EMR (if applicable) so that staff have to fill them out before exiting the record.

Ensure that all staff, including new staff, have their credentialing added correctly to their EHR staffing profile.
Eligibility Documentation

- 19/30 clinics did not document specific eligibility category
  - Reliance on clinic staff to remember eligibility status based on patient health plan
  - Underinsured patients not always identified

- At each IZ visit, providers are required to screen for and document, in the EHR or registry, the
  - screening date,
  - VFA eligibility (Y/N). If yes, list eligibility criteria:
    - date of birth [to verify age 19+] AND
    - uninsured OR underinsured
Eligibility Documentation Recommendations

Meet to determine the best method of capturing eligibility screening elements:

- **Strongly Recommended**: Modify (VFC Eligibility section in) your EHR to include fields that capture VFA eligibility
- Systematically note eligibility elements in the EHR comments/notes
- Scan completed 317 Eligibility Screening form into the patient’s EHR record
Updates to ACIP Recommendations (2019)

• **HPV**
  – Expanded recommendation to include males and females through age 26 yrs
  – Shared clinical decision making can be considered for adults aged 27-45

The VFA Program requests that participating sites target vaccine supply on increasing IZ rates in males and females through age 26 years.

• **PCV13**
  – PCV13 can be considered for adults aged 65 years or older by using shared clinical decision making.

The VFA Program will release a policy letter once the ACIP recommendation is published.

• **Hep A**
  – People experiencing homelessness
  – People with HIV

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Question: Can I order HPV vaccine for my patients older than 26?

Answer: If after the process of shared clinical decision-making, you feel the patient would benefit from vaccination, then yes, you can offer HPV to a VFA-eligible patient. However, keep in mind that you are working with a limited supply of vaccine available through VFA (there are caps in place for HPV ordering).

Frequently Asked Question Re: HPV
Year 4 Program Requirements

• Provider agreement made available during recertification
• Immunization Information System (CAIR/SDIR/Healthy Futures) enrollment
• Exploring Immunization Information System utilization for 2021
• Site visits for some VFA sites (to be determined in upcoming months)
Recertification

• Anticipated launch: mid to late Dec 2019
• Updates to the Recertification Form:
  – Identify whether vaccine storage units are storing VFC, 317/VFA, or both
  – Provide specific adult patient estimates by age and VFA eligibility

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• Review VFA Provider Agreement
Recertification Form

Vaccine Storage Units (used to store VFC/317 vaccines)

INDICATE YOUR REFRIGERATOR STORAGE UNIT TYPE(S) BELOW:

1) REFRIGERATOR TYPE: *  
   - Stand-Alone  
   - Cooler  
   - Portable  
   - Other

UNIT USE: *  
- Primary  
- Institutional  
- Household

UNIT LOCATION/ID: *  
- Lab

BRAND, MODEL: *  
- Frigidaire

CAPACITY IN CUBIC FEET: *  
- 16.7

THERMOMETER TYPE: *  
- Data Logger  
- Remote  
- Other

CALIBRATION EXPIRATION DATE *  
- 03/27/2019

THERMOMETER MODEL *  
- THERMCO

THERMOMETER SERIAL NUMBER *  
- 33818

VACCINES STORED: *
- VFC
- VFA/317
- Both

Estimated number of all adults 19 years of age and older (317/VFA eligible and Privately Insured), who will receive immunizations in your clinic during the upcoming 12-month period, according to the Immunization Branch Eligibility Table for the Use of State-supplied Vaccines (excluding influenza immunization). Enter patient estimates by eligibility category and by age:

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Reminders

- Year end evaluation: November 2019
- Recertification: December 2019
- Next ordering cycle: January 2020
- Next webinar: February-March 2020
- Site visits will be conducted throughout 2020
Provider and Staff Resources

• VFA Program Resources - [bit.do/VFAResources]
• CDC:
  • You Call the Shots
  • Current Issues in IZ NetConference

**Hepatitis B Vaccine – 2 or 3 Doses?**

For Adults 18+ Years:

**HEPLISAV-B**
2 DOSES

**Engerix-B** or Recombivax HB
3 DOSES

Vaccine Eligibility Guidelines

VACCINE ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
For FQHCs, FQHC Look Alikes and Rural Health Centers (RHrC) 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

**VFA Program Eligibility Based on Insurance Status**

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  - Inpatient:
    - Inpatient and Outpatient:
      - Inpatient and Outpatient: |
  - Outpatient: |
| Medicare Part B Alone | Eligible for VFA vaccines: |
| - Zone C |
| - Telgar:
  - Inpatient: |
| Medicare Part D Alone | Eligible for VFA vaccines: |
| - Zone B |
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| Medicare Part B & D | Eligible for VFA vaccines: |
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Hep B Vaccine Timing Guide
Patient Education Resources

EZIZ – Click on “Adults” tab

HEPATITIS A VIRUS IS SPREADING: GET IMMUNIZED

Why should care about Hepatitis A?
I think I may be at risk for catching Hepatitis A.
What can I do?

What are the symptoms of Hepatitis A?
- Fever
- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Loss of appetite

If you think you have Hepatitis A, see your doctor or visit the closest Emergency Room.

For More Information
- Contact [enter contact information for your county here]
- Dial 2-1-1 on your phone to learn where you can get the Hepatitis A vaccine

What is Shingles?
- Shingles is a painful rash that can cause long-term nerve pain.
- 1 out of 3 people in the U.S. will get shingles. Your risk goes up as you age.
- Serious complications include pain that can last for months.

Get 2 doses of the New Shingles Vaccine (Shingrix®)
I got another shingles vaccine before 2018. Do I need the new vaccine?
Yes! The vaccine can prevent shingles from happening again.

How many shots of the new vaccine do I need?
Two. Come back for the 2nd shot 2-6 months after the 1st.

Is Shingrix® covered by my health plan?
Shingrix® is covered by most private insurance, Medicare Part D, and Medi-Cal. Call your plan to confirm coverage or fees.

What should I expect after my shot?
Commonly, people have a sore arm or swelling where the shot was given. Some people have fatigue, headache, stomach ache, or nausea for a few days or less.

For more information, visit CDC.gov/vaccines/shingles

HEPATITIS A AND B VACCINATION.

There’s no question—it’s easy prevention. Gay and bisexual men are at risk for hepatitis A and B.

Take charge. Protect yourself. Get vaccinated.
www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/MSMVaccination

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for the new shingles shot today!

Hep A/Hep B vaccination promotion posters (CDC)
Print Materials: Order from your Local Health Dept.

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/Local-Health-Department.aspx

*Reference IMM # below when making request for copies.

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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!
- 50,000 Americans get pneumonia every year.
- Nearly half a million are hospitalized.
- About 1 in 20 die.

If you are 45 or older with any of these conditions, ask your doctor about getting pneumonia shots (pneumococcal [NEW-foo-MOK-uh-luh] 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

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Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule
For ages 19 years or older

How to use the adult immunization schedule

1. Refer to the box by age
2. See section for additional
   recommendations by medical conditions and other indications (Table 2)
3. See tables for special situations


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Adult IZ Schedule 2019
IMM-746

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317 sticker rolls
IMM-1121

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Questions?

THANK YOU!

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Eligibility Documentation: NextGen
Eligibility Documentation: eClinicalWorks
Eligibility Documentation: Epic