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ATTENTION: PHARMACISTS

REMINDER: MEDICAID BILLING FOR VACCINES FOR CHILDREN

- Vaccines to Medicaid members **under 19 years of age** (both Fee For Service (FFS) and Medicaid Managed Care (MMC)) are provided free of charge by the **Vaccines for Children (VFC) program**.
- **Note that although pharmacists may immunize patients 18 years of age for pneumococcal, meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis vaccines, as well as influenza vaccine, this population is covered by the VFC program. All such vaccines for Medicaid covered patients 18 years of age are available for free through the VFC program.**
- NYS Medicaid should **never** be billed for the cost of any vaccine for persons **under 19 years of age** when it is available through the VFC program. This applies to both FFS and MMC members. **Pharmacies that bill Medicaid for the cost of vaccines available through VFC are subject to recovery of payment.**
- Pharmacies that are not enrolled in the VFC program **to obtain free influenza vaccine, or are unable to obtain VFC-available vaccines other than influenza for age 18**, may choose to provide vaccines for members **under 19 years of age at no charge** to the member or Medicaid program, and be reimbursed an immunization administration fee of \$17.85 by NYS Medicaid.
- For guidance on the VFC program, refer to the **New York State Vaccines for Children Program** website:
https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/vaccines_for_children/
- For guidance on Medicaid pharmacy billing for immunizations, refer to the **NYS Medicaid Program Pharmacists as Immunizers Fact Sheet**:
https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/docs/phar_immun_fact.pdf

Billing Instructions for FFS:

Contact the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000 for questions regarding FFS billing.

Billing Instructions for Medicaid Managed Care:

Contact the plan. Information for the individual plans can be found here:

<http://mmcdruginformation.nysdoh.suny.edu/> (Scroll down and click on individual plan name.)