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# Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) in Michigan

# VFC

- Vaccines For Children Program
  - Commonly called VFC
  - Federal Program
  - 0 through 18 years of age only
  - Provides vaccine for 4 categories of children
    - Medicaid
    - American Indian or Alaskan Native children
    - Un-insured
    - Under-insured

# VFC

- VFC vaccine can **ONLY** be used for children in the 4 categories
- **CANNOT** be used for anyone else
  - You must have private stock of vaccine
    - For all other children
    - For patients older than 18 years of age
    - Except for MI-VRP program
      - Which only covers certain adults
      - And certain vaccines
      - See Module #9 of this series

# Definition of Under-Insured (1)

## Under-insured:

- Children with medical insurance that has NO reimbursement for vaccines
- Also included are:
  - Children with insurance
    - that has a *cap* for preventative health care
    - Are NOT eligible for VFC before the *cap* has been met
    - But become eligible for VFC vaccine after the *cap* has been met
  - Children whose health insurance covers only certain vaccines
- VFC does NOT cover children with insurance that pays for only part of cost of each vaccine

# Definition of Under-Insured (1)

- Under-insured can only be given VFC vaccines by certain health care providers
  - Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
  - Rural Health Centers (RHCs)
  - Local Health Depts (LHDs)
- Other private providers cannot routinely use VFC vaccine for under-insured children

# VFC Manual

- *Resource Book for VFC Providers*
  - Comes in a green binder
  - Is printed every year
- By Michigan Dept of Community Health (MDCH)
- Current edition is September 1, 2007

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- How do you know at your site
  - Which children are on VFC?
- How do you document
  - Which children are on VFC?