

Connecticut Vaccine Program

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Overview

- Funding for vaccines
- Connecticut vaccine statutes
- Public Act 12-01
 - Impact on provision of childhood vaccines
- Enrollment process

Funding for Vaccines



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Federal Funding Component

- DPH receives federal funding under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) entitlement program to provide all vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) free of charge for children:
 - Enrolled in Medicaid
 - Uninsured
 - Underinsured children seen in Federally Qualified Health Centers
 - American Indian or Alaskan natives
- The VFC program provides all 16 routine childhood vaccinations recommended by the ACIP free of charge to children through age 18



State Funding Component

- By law, DPH must also administer a state childhood vaccination program that provides vaccines at no cost to healthcare providers within available appropriations.
 - DPH receives state funding from an annual insurance “health and welfare” assessment fee to purchase and distribute vaccines free of charge to health care providers for all children who are not eligible under the federal VFC entitlement program.
- Vaccines must be made available to all children who are ineligible for the VFC program regardless of insurance status.

Connecticut Vaccine Statutes and Amendments



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Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Sec. 19a-7f

Authorizes DPH to "provide vaccine at no cost to health care providers in Connecticut to administer to children so that cost of vaccine will not be a barrier to age-appropriate vaccination" but does so "within available appropriations."

(a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall determine the standard of care for immunization for the children of this state. The standard of care for immunization shall be based on the recommended schedules for active immunization for normal infants and children published by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians.



Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Sec. 19a-7j

Established a vaccine purchase fund for the provision of childhood vaccines to all children to meet the “*standard of care*” in accordance with CGS 19-7f.

Funds for the vaccine purchase fund are provided through an annual Health and Welfare assessment fee on health insurers established by the Insurance Commissioner.

DPH purchases childhood vaccines off a federal contract established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).



Public Act 12-01: C.G.A. 19a-7f- Amended

- Provider Brand Choice

Beginning October 1, 2012 the Immunization Program will allow provider choice for all vaccine brands available through the federal CDC contract.

- Vaccine Distribution

Beginning January 1, 2013 all health care providers who administer vaccines to children birth through 18 years of age obtain those vaccines through the Connecticut Vaccine Program.



Public Act 12-01: C.G.A. 19a-7j- Amended

- Health and Welfare Assessment
Broaden the insurance industry assessment that funds the program to include self-insured health plans.
- Expansion of State Supplied Vaccines
Provide three additional vaccines: influenza, pneumonia, and hepatitis A with an appropriation of \$9.3 million. With the addition of these vaccines, the program will now cover 14 of the 16 vaccines currently recommended for children by CDC.



Expansion of State Supplied Vaccine Program

- Influenza Vaccine

Beginning July 1, 2012 providers can use state supplied influenza vaccine for all children 6 through 59 months of age regardless of insurance status.

- Hepatitis A vaccine

Beginning October 1, 2012 providers can use state supplied hepatitis A vaccine for all children 12 through 23 months of age regardless of insurance status. Catch-up vaccination for children 2 through 18 years of age is still limited to VFC-eligible children.

- Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV 13)

Beginning on March 1, 2013 providers can use state supplied PCV13 vaccine for all children 2 through 71 months of age regardless of insurance status.

Connecticut Vaccine Program
Eligibility Criteria for vaccines as of January 1, 2013

Vaccine	Age Group	Status of Children VFC and State Supplied Vaccine				CPT Code(s)
		VFC Eligible ¹	Non-VFC Eligible Privately Insured ²	Non-VFC Eligible Under-Insured ²	S-CHIP ²	
Hepatitis B	Newborns in hospital Children 0-18 years	YES YES	YES YES	YES YES	YES YES	90744 90744
Varicella (Doses 1 & 2)	12 months-18 years ³	YES	YES	YES	YES	90716
Td	7-18 years ⁴	YES	YES	YES	YES	90714
MMR (Doses 1 & 2)	12 months-18 years College entry (any age)	YES YES	YES YES	YES YES	YES YES	90707 90707
MMRV (Doses 1 & 2)	12 months-12 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90710
DTaP	2 months – 6 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90700
Hib	2-59 months	YES	YES	YES	YES	90647, 90648
Hib/Hep B	2-15 months	YES	YES	YES	YES	90748
IPV	2 months-18 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90713
DTaP/IPV	4-6 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90696
DTaP/IPV/Hep B	2-83 months	YES	YES	YES	YES	90723
DTaP/IPV/Hib	2-59 months	YES	YES	YES	YES	90698
Meningococcal Conjugate Dose 1	11-18 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90734
Dose 2	16-18 years	YES	YES	YES	YES	90734
Tdap	7-18 years ³	YES	YES	YES	YES	90715
Influenza	6-59 months	YES	YES	YES	YES	90655, 90656 90660
	5-18 years	YES	NO	YES	YES	90656, 90660
Hepatitis A	12-23 months 2-18 years	YES YES	YES NO	YES YES	YES YES	90633 90633
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13)	2-71 months	YES	NO	YES	YES	90670
Rotavirus	6 weeks-8 months	YES	NO	YES	YES	90680, 90681
HPV (males & females)	9-18 years	YES	NO	YES	YES	90649, 90650

¹ VFC eligibility is defined as follows: (a) Medicaid enrolled; (b) NO health insurance; (c) American Indian or Alaskan native; or (d) underinsured seen at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

² Non-VFC children refers to patients who have private insurance that covers the cost of immunizations, patients that are under-insured for some or all vaccines seen by a private provider; and S-CHIP children- those children enrolled in HUSKY B.

³ Susceptible children who do not have a clinical history of chicken pox.

⁴ Td vaccine can be given to children 7-18 years of age to complete their primary series, or to those children 7-18 years of age who are in need of a Tetanus containing vaccine and cannot receive Tdap.

⁵ Tdap vaccine should be administered routinely to children at the 11-12 year old preventive health care visit, and to children 7-10 years old who have not been fully vaccinated against pertussis and for whom no contraindication to pertussis containing vaccine exists.

As of January 1, 2013 the only recommended childhood vaccine: not available from the Connecticut Vaccine Program are: Influenza for privately insured patients 5-18 years of age; Hepatitis A for privately insured patients 2-18 years of age; PCV13 for privately insured patients 2-71 months of age; Rotavirus for privately insured patients 6 weeks-8 months of age; and HPV for privately insured patients 9-18 years of age. For those vaccines providers can purchase them privately and submit billing requests to the appropriate private insurer in accordance with normal billing procedures.

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Who Should Enroll In CVP

- All health care providers who administer vaccines to children birth through 18 years of age.
- Providers should enroll before December 1, 2012 in order to have vaccine on-hand to administer on January 1, 2013.



Enrollment Process

- Provider Agreement

The Provider Agreement details the specific provisions and conditions for participation in the Connecticut Vaccine Program.

- Provider Profile

The Provider Profile supplies the Immunization Program with shipping and contact information, which allows vaccines to be shipped directly to each provider's office.



Submission of Vaccine Order

- Receipt of Provider Agreement and Provider Profile forms.
- Confirmation that provider office has the proper refrigeration equipment to maintain storage of vaccines.

Facility Name			Order	Inventory									PIN #
Vaccine Products				Doses Ordered	Doses on Hand	Expiration Date	Lot #	Doses on Hand	Expiration Date	Lot #	Doses on Hand	Expiration Date	
Rotavirus	Rotarix 58160-0854-52	10											
	Rotateq 00006-4047-41	10											
PCV13 Pneumo. Conj.	Prevnar 00005-1971-02	10											
Hepatitis A	Havrix 58160-0825-11	10											
	Vaqta 00006-4831-41	10											
MMR	MMRII 00006-4681-00	10											
Varicella	Varivax 00006-4827-00	10											
DTaP/IPV	Kinrix 58160-0812-11	10											
Meningococcal Conjugate	Menactra 49281-0589-05	5											
	Menveo 46028-0208-01	5											
Tdap	Boostrix 58160-0842-11	10											
	Adacel 49281-0400-10	10											
MMRV	ProQuad 00006-4999-00	10											
Td	Tenivac 49281-0215-10	10											
Influenza .25mL 6-35 mos.	Fluzone Sanofi -Syr 49281-0112-25	10											
Influenza .5 mL 3-18 yrs	Fluzone Sanofi -Syr 49281-0012-50	10											
	Fluzone Sanofi-Vial 49281-0012-10	10											
	Fluarix GSK-Syr 58160-0879-52	10											
Influenza 5mL 4-18 yrs	FluVirin Novartis-Syr 66521-0115-02	10											
Influenza .2mL 2-18 yrs	FluMist MedImmune 66019-0110-10	10											

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Vaccine Shipment Protocol

- The Immunization Program processes vaccine orders and electronically transmits the information to McKesson.
- McKesson then ships vaccines directly to the provider's office.
- Varicella vaccine orders are handled separately by the vaccine manufacturer (Merck) and are direct shipped to the provider from their storage facility.



CONNECTICUT VACCINE PROGRAM Patient Eligibility Screening Record

Date Screened: _____

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Provider: _____

This child qualifies for immunization through the Connecticut Vaccine Program since he/she (check only one box):

VFC eligible:

- (A) Is enrolled in Medicaid (HUSKY A)
- (B) Has no health insurance/self pay
- (C) Is American Indian or Alaskan Native
- (D) Is under-insured (has health insurance that does not cover vaccines or only covers select vaccines) and is a patient of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). These patients can receive all vaccines at their FQHC.

State eligible:

- (E) Is under-insured (has health insurance that does not cover vaccines or only covers select vaccines) and is a patient of a private health care provider. These patients can receive all vaccines at their private health care provider's office.
- (F) Is enrolled in S-CHIP (HUSKY B)
- (G) *Is Privately Insured

*Note private insurance patients can receive all vaccines from the Connecticut Vaccine Program except for Pneumococcal Conjugate, Rotavirus, Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV), Influenza for 5-18 year olds, and Hepatitis A for 2-18 year olds which are only available for patients in categories A, B, C, D, E & F.

A record must be kept in the healthcare provider's office that reflects the status of all children 18 years of age and younger who receive vaccine from the Connecticut Vaccine Program. The record may be completed by the parent, guardian, or individual of record, or by the healthcare provider. The record does not have to be updated unless the status of the child has changed. While verification of responses is not required, it is necessary to retain this or a similar record for each child receiving vaccine.

Vaccines for Children Operations Guide



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Frequently Asked Questions

- General Questions about CVP
- Enrollment Process
- Vaccine Ordering Protocol
- Administrative – reporting, record keeping, vaccine transfer, etc.
- CVP forms and instructions are accessible on the web site at:
<http://www.ct.gov/dph/immunizations>, click on <*NEW* Connecticut Vaccine Program: Information for Providers> at the top of the page



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Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP)



The Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP) is Connecticut's expanded pediatric vaccination program. The program is state and federally funded and provides vaccines at no cost to children under the age of 18 years. The CVP was developed in response to the enactment of [Public Act 12-1](#), which requires healthcare providers who administer pediatric vaccines to obtain the vaccines through the Department of Public Health in most cases.

- [Frequently Asked Questions about the Connecticut Vaccine Program September 2012](#) (pdf)

Connecticut Vaccine Program Webinar

What is the Connecticut Vaccine Program? How Will This Impact My Practice?

When: Tuesday November 13th from 12 noon to 1 pm

[click here to register](#)

Financial Restitution Policy

The Financial Restitution Policy was developed in accordance with the Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP) for the purpose of replacing vaccine wasted or spoiled due to negligence and/or failure to properly store, handle, or rotate vaccine inventory.

- [Financial Restitution Policy](#) November 2012 (pdf)

Enrollment

Providers who are NOT currently enrolled in the Vaccines For Children (VFC) should complete the provider profile and agreement below no later than December 1, 2012 to ensure that they will have vaccine available by January 1, 2013. Providers currently enrolled in the VFC program will need to complete the updated provider profile and agreement form on an annual basis.

- [Connecticut Provider Profile](#) September 2012 (pdf)
- [Connecticut Provider Agreement](#) September 2012 (pdf)

Questions



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