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# Iowa's Vaccines for Children Program

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# Presentation Outline

- Holiday shipping holds and order deadlines
- Influenza vaccine – 2023-2024 distribution
- RSV products
- VFC Resolutions: MenABCWY & JYNNEOS vaccines
- Programmatic Updates & Reminders
- Tips & Tricks to avoid common VFC Program noncompliance issues
- Q&A - Ask your questions!

# Holiday Shipping Holds & Order Deadlines

# Winter Holiday Shipping Holds

- During the holiday season, McKesson will NOT ship vaccine from December 22, 2023 - January 2, 2024.
- Orders placed after December 10th may not be shipped prior to January 2024.
- If you have any questions regarding vaccine orders, please contact the Iowa VFC Program by email at [IowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:IowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov).

# Influenza Vaccine – 2023-24 Distribution

Additional influenza vaccines available

# 2023-24 VFC Influenza Vaccine Shipping

- Nearly all pre-book orders are fulfilled
- Iowa ranked #1 for fulfilled orders
- Iowa VFC Program has some extra influenza vaccines available to ship to Providers for VFC eligible children
  - FluLaval quad, preservative free, 0.5mL single dose syringe, 10-pack
  - FluMist quad, intranasal administration, for children 2+ years of age, 10-pack
  - Fluzone-Quad, 5 mL, multidose vials, 10-pack
- Contact [IowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:IowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov) to request additional influenza vaccine

# Two FluMist lots with shortened expirations

- AZ letter to healthcare providers regarding the expiry date for lots TH2989 and TH2989B have been updated following routine stability testing.

<b>Lot Number</b>	<b>Printed Expiry Date</b>	<b>Updated Expiry Date</b>
TH2989	01-Jan-2024	25-Dec-2023
TH2989B	15-Jan-2024	08-Jan-2024

- Expiration dates updated in IRIS for VFC FluMist with affected lots
  - Please ensure the above lots are fully administered before the updated expiry date.
  - Medical questions can be directed to AZ at 1-800-236-9933.
  - IRIS questions can be directed to 1-800-374-3958

# 2024-25 VFC Influenza Vaccine Pre-book

- Anticipated 2024-25 pre-book period to be in mid-January
- Additional information forthcoming
- Viewing previous Flu Prebook in IRIS:
  - To review what products and quantities were prebooked by your organization, go to the 'flu prebook' menu in IRIS
  - Select the Flu Prebook Window, 2023-2024 VFC Flu Season
  - Prebooked products and quantities will display



# RSV Vaccines & Products

Challenges with Nirsevimab Shortage & New maternal RSV vaccine

# Nirsevimab Availability through VFC Program

- Thank you for your patience during this new product roll out
- Demand has exceeded the availability of supply, both private & VFC
- While there are supply constraints for Nirsevimab, VFC supply stock should remain prioritized for VFC eligible children
- Limited allocations expected every 2-3 weeks until end of December
  - Allocation dates, available products and quantities are not know
  - Iowa VFC will continue to turn on/turn off ordering as allocations are received
  - Providers should order Beyfortus more frequently as doses are administered and needed
  - As of 11/29/2023: 50 mg Beyfortus still available to order

# Nirsevimab Availability

- CDC Health Alert Network (HAN) notice recommended limiting nirsevimab use to infants ages 6 months and younger (formerly 8 months and younger) and infants with certain high risk medical conditions.
  - <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2023/han00499.asp>
- Tips to counsel patients
  - Vaccinating pregnant people against RSV (Abrysvo vaccine)
  - Administering palivizumab for infants who meet the eligibility criteria
  - Taking precautions to limit the risk of infection (hand washing, masks in public, avoid contact with people with cold-like symptoms, etc.)

# Abrysvo (Pfizer) vaccine for pregnant people

- Abrysvo vaccine will be added to VFC Program for administration to VFC eligible pregnant patients to protect infants from RSV
  - Additional information forthcoming
- Recommendations:
  - American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, CDC, and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine recommend prenatal vaccination from **September 2023 through January 2024** of all pregnant patients between **32 weeks and 36 weeks and 6 days of gestation** with a single dose of RSV vaccine (Abrysvo, Pfizer).
  - RSV vaccine can be co-administered with other recommended prenatal vaccines, including Tdap, COVID-19 and influenza vaccines.

# MenABCWY vaccine

Resolution to add to VFC Program

# MenABCWY vaccine

- Penbraya, new vaccine from Pfizer, recommended by ACIP to be added to vaccine schedule & VFC Program
- Active immunization of individuals 10 through 25 years of age against invasive meningococcal diseases caused by *Neisseria meningitides* serogroups A, B, C, W, Y
- MenABCWY vaccine may be used when both MenACWY and MenB are indicated at the same visit.\*
  - 1)\* Healthy individuals aged 16–23 years (routine schedule) when shared clinical decision-making favors administration of MenB vaccination, 2) individuals aged 10 years and older at increased risk of meningococcal disease (e.g., due to persistent complement deficiencies, complement inhibitor use, or functional or anatomic asplenia) due for both vaccines.
- More information to come

# MPOX vaccine

Resolution to add to VFC Program

# MPOX vaccine

- JYNNEOS mpox vaccine for 18+ individuals at risk for mpox, recommended by ACIP to be added to vaccine schedule & VFC Program
  - 2 dose series, dose 2 to be administered 28 days after dose 1
  - Interim recommendation to be revisited in 2-3 years
  - Bavarian Nordic is working toward commercializing JYNNEOS
- More information to come



# Programmatic Updates & Reminders

# New VFC Webpage links

- Iowa HHS Immunization Program: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/public-health/immunization>
- VFC Program: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/public-health/immunization/vaccines-children-program>
- Iowa HHS Immunization Materials: [Online order form](#)
- Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal - Immunization Data: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/iowa-public-health-tracking-portal/health/immunization>

# VFC & 2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine Return

- VFC Providers are **expected** to return **all spoiled and expired VFC vaccines** as soon as possible within the first 30 days but not to exceed six months after expiration date
  - Single dose syringes, unopened single dose vials, and only full, unopened multi-dose vials to McKesson
  - Products in open boxes can be returned, however opened multi-dose vials cannot be returned
- Nonviable Vaccine Return Instructions: IRIS contains functionality to manage nonviable vaccine returns, including notifications prompting providers to return nonviable VFC vaccines to McKesson.
- **Return spoiled and expired 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines**



# VFC Vaccine Return Process

- **Maintain current VFC Vaccine Delivery contact information in IRIS**
  - Update contact information in IRIS in Edit Organization prior to completing return
- **Return single dose syringes, unopened single dose vials, and only full, unopened multi-dose vials**
- **Print nonviable vaccine return list** from the Manage Returns page using the blue hyperlink
  - Include the return list in the box with the nonviable vaccines
- **Print the UPS postage paid return label emailed from McKesson**
  - Label is sent to the “Main Contact Information” e-mail address listed in IRIS.
  - Not Immediately Processed - May take up to a week to be sent to the email address
  - All McKesson return label communications will come UPS Quantum View [pkginfo@ups.com](mailto:pkginfo@ups.com)
  - Providers should confirm that this e-mail address will not be blocked by their e-mail spam filters and check spam/junk folder for labels
- **Do NOT return vaccines not included on the return list**
- Contact Iowa VFC Program with questions or concerns

# Molina Healthcare of Iowa – new MCO

- Newly VFC eligible – Medicaid
  - No changes to Iowa Total Care & Amerigroup

**Molina Healthcare of Iowa**



Medicaid

**Name/Nombre:** <Member First Name> <Last Name>      **RXBIN:** 004336  
**Member ID#:** <XXXXXXXXXX>                              **RXPCN:** MCAIDADV  
**DOB:** <MM/DD/YYYY>                                      **RXGRP:** RXS1BW  
**Effective/Fecha efectiva:** <MM/DD/YYYY>

Bring your Molina ID card when you see your doctor or go to receive care.  
Lleve su tarjeta de identificación de Molina cuando vea a su médico o vaya a recibir atención.

If you have an emergency, call 911 or visit the nearest emergency room (ER). For non-emergencies, call your primary care provider (PCP) or the 24/7 Nurse Advice Line.  
Si tiene una emergencia, llame al 911 o vaya a la sala de emergencia más cercana. Si no está seguro de si necesita ir a la sala de emergencia, llame a su proveedor de cuidados primarios (primary care provider, PCP) o la línea de consejo de enfermería de atención 24/7.

**HMO** Molina Healthcare of Iowa, Inc.

**Member Numbers**

**Member Services:** (844) 236-0894  
**TTY:** 711

**24/7 Nurse Advice/24/7 Línea de Consejos de Enfermeras:** (844) 236-2096

**National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline/ Línea Nacional de Suicidio y Crisis:** 988

**Cost Shares are a summary only. Visit MyMolina.com for plan details.**

**Transportation/Access2Care:** (866)-849-2062

**MyMolina.com** This card is for identification purposes only and does not prove eligibility for service.

**Provider Numbers**

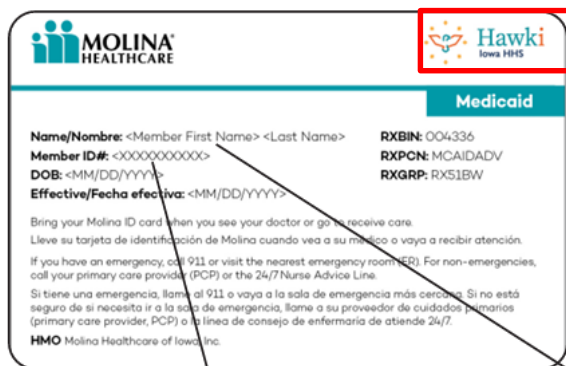
**CVS Caremark Help desk:** (800) 349-0679

**Prior authorization/notification of hospital admission:** (844) 236-1464

**Inpatient admissions:** Provider to notify plan within 24 hours of admission.

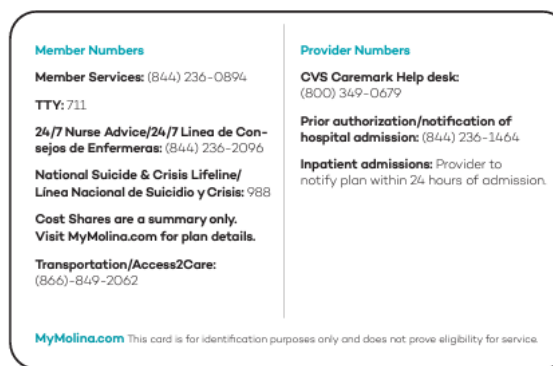
# Molina Healthcare of Iowa – new MCO

- Not VFC eligible - Hawki



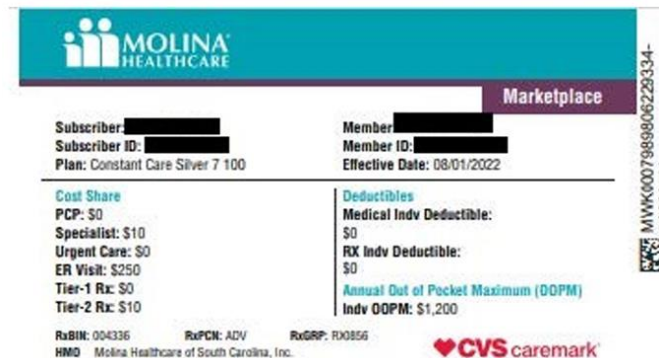
Member Identification Number (ID#)

Member Name



- Not VFC eligible – Private insurance

\*Molina is not currently offering Marketplace products in Iowa, but is available in other states



# Upcoming Survey to VFC Providers

- Iowa VFC Program is developing a survey for VFC Providers as a new program requirement from the CDC.
- Results will be used to improve the Iowa VFC Program.
- **Action item:** None at this time. Be on the lookout for the survey at the start of next year.

# Ordering Replacement DDLs

- Immunization Program has Log Tag 400s available to VFC Providers at no cost
- Send email request to [iowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:iowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov)



# Tips & Tricks to Avoid Common VFC Program Noncompliance Issues

How to ace your next site visit!

# VFC Non-Compliance Issues

- Temperature Monitoring Device Type
- Vaccine Administration Fee
- Clinic Status Changes Must Be Reported

# Temperature Monitoring Device Type

- **Temperature Monitoring Device Requirements:**
  - A temperature probe
    - A buffered probe is recommended for refrigerators and freezers.
    - For accurate ultra-cold temperature monitoring, it is essential to use an air-probe or a probe designed specifically for ultra-cold temperatures with the DDL.
  - An active temperature display which can be easily read from the outside of the unit.
  - Continuous monitoring and recording capabilities where the data can be routinely downloaded and reviewed every two weeks and whenever the data logger alarms.

**Action Step:** Ensure TMD meets VFC requirements

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# Vaccine Administration Fee

- **Vaccine Administration Fee Requirements:**
  - Maximum administration fee is \$19.68 per injection
  - Non-Medicaid VFC-eligible patients who have no health insurance, are American Indian/Alaskan Native, or are underinsured (seen only at FQHC, RHC or LPHA)
  - A vaccine administration fee shall not be charged to Medicaid eligible patient
  - If patients unable to pay vaccine administration fee, administer vaccines and waive fee (do not bill after the date of service)

**Action Step:** Verify with clinic billing department the organization does not charge a vaccine administration fee exceeding \$19.68 per vaccine dose

# Clinic Status Changes Must Be Reported

- **Clinic Status Reporting Requirement:**
  - VFC providers must communicate clinic status changes to the Iowa VFC Program, including, but not limited to:
    - Permanent closures
    - Temporary closures
    - Moving locations
    - Anything that would affect delivery, storage or monitoring VFC vaccine
  
- Send email to [iowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:iowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov)

# VFC Program Resources

- [Iowa HHS VFC Program](#)
- [Immunization Materials Order Form](#): Includes Temp Logs
- [2023 VFC Provider List](#)
- [VFC Operations Guide](#)
  - [MCO/IA Health Link Member ID Cards](#)
  - [MCO/hawk-I Member ID Cards](#)
  - [VFC Eligibility and Insurance Situations - Quick View](#)
- [Vaccines for Children Program \(CDC\)](#)

# Questions?



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Website: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/public-health/immunization/vaccines-children-program>