



**Iowa Vaccines for Children (VFC)
Quick View of Eligibility and
Insurance Coverage Situations**

	Child's insurance Status	VFC Eligibility Category	VFC	Private
Medicaid	Enrolled in Medicaid	Medicaid	✓	
	Primary insurance plan with Medicaid as secondary insurance	Medicaid ¹	✓	
	Enrolled in Medicaid and is American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN)	Medicaid ¹ or AI/AN	✓	
AI/ AN	AI/AN	AI/AN	✓	
	AI/AN with no health insurance coverage	AI/AN or Uninsured ²	✓	
Un- insured	No health insurance coverage	Uninsured ²	✓	
	Enrolled in a Healthcare Sharing Ministry	Uninsured ²	✓	
Birthing Hospital	All insurance statuses	Birth Dose Hepatitis B is available for the whole birth cohort at enrolled facilities regardless of eligibility	✓	
Underinsured	Health insurance, but plan does not cover any vaccines	Underinsured ^{2,3,4}	✓	
	Health insurance plan does not cover all ACIP-recommended vaccines	Underinsured ^{2,3,4}	✓	
	Health insurance plan covers all vaccines, but has a fixed dollar limit or cap on amount of coverage	Underinsured after fixed dollar limit is met ^{2,3,4}	✓	
		Insured until fixed dollar limit is met		✓
Insured – Not VFC Eligible	Enrolled in the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki) Program	Insured – Not VFC Eligible		✓
	Health insurance covers all vaccines but has not yet met plan's deductible or paid for other services at visit	Insured – Not VFC Eligible		✓
	Health insurance covers all vaccines. Child is referred to LPHA by private clinic when the plan's deductible has not been met or the private clinic does not stock private vaccines	Insured – Not VFC Eligible. Children are not automatically considered VFC eligible when seeking vaccines at LPHA. ³		✓

1. Administer VFC vaccines and bill administration fee to Medicaid to provide the least out-of-pocket expense for the family.
2. Provider may charge an administration fee per vaccine at the time of service.
3. Before administering a vaccine, providers must verify if the child's health insurance plan covers ACIP-recommended vaccines. If the provider cannot verify vaccination coverage, the child is considered insured and not eligible to receive VFC vaccines at the immunization encounter.
4. Eligible to receive vaccines only if they are served by a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Clinic (RHC) or Local Public Health Agency (LPHA)