

New York State Vaccines for Children Program (NYS VFC)

Guidelines for Estimating Your Patient Population by Age and Vaccine Eligibility Status

Providing an accurate estimate of your patient population ensures that the NYS Vaccine Program has enough funding to support eligible children who require vaccine. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act expanded Medicaid and requires insurance policies to cover all recommended vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. These changes in the insurance marketplace will likely result in significant changes to the insurance status of your patient population when compared to previous years. Providers are encouraged to use NYSIIS to estimate patient population by age and vaccine eligibility status based on required reporting of VFC doses administered.

**Using NYSIIS to Generate a VFC Report**

Providers should consistently and accurately report doses administered to the NYSIIS. The system is able to estimate the number of children who are eligible for publicly-funded vaccine. Log into NYSIIS and choose “VFC Report” on the left hand side of the screen under reports. Choose the “Report Date Range” for the previous calendar year and choose “Age Group” under report type. The resulting PDF document will display the number of patients by Vaccine Program eligibility type (Medicaid, Uninsured, American Indian/Alaska Native, Underinsured and Child Health Plus) and their age group.

**Vaccines for Children by Provider**  
For Dates Between 12/01/2010 and 12/15/2010

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(years)	VFC Eligibility Unknown		Not VFC Eligible		Medicaid/Medicare Managed Care		Uninsured		American Indian/Alaskan Native		Underinsured		Child Health Plus		Sum of Immunizations	Sum of Patients
	Imms	Distinct Patients	Imms	Distinct Patients	Imms	Distinct Patients	Imms	Distinct Patients	Imms	Distinct Patients	Imms	Distinct Patients	Imms	Distinct Patients		
<1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
Annualized	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.0	24.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.0	24.0
1-6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Annualized	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0
7-18	1.5	2.0	10.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.5	6.0
Annualized	37.0	49.0	243.0	24.0	73.0	49.0	24.0	24.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	377.0	146.0
19+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Annualized	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	1.5	1.0	10.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	17.5	6.0
Grand Total:																

Doses Given to Adults not in NYSIIS 1,267.1  
Annualized 30,833.0

Publicly-funded doses administered recorded in NYSIIS must include the Vaccine Program eligibility type for each patient. Doses reported as “VFC eligibility unknown,” cannot be included in patient population estimates. Inaccurate reporting of eligibility type will impact your population estimates.

If a full year of VFC eligibility data have not been accurately reported to NYSIIS, providers should run the report described above for a recent month of data and multiply each eligibility/age group by 12 to determine your annual patient population figures.

Providers seeking further guidance for estimating your patient population by age and vaccine eligibility status should contact the NYSDOH Vaccine Program at 1-800-543-7468.