

# New York State Vaccines for Children Program (NYS VFC)

## Patient Eligibility for Publicly-Funded Vaccine

The New York State (NYS) Vaccine Program provides three types of publicly-funded childhood vaccines:

- Federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) vaccine,
- State-funded vaccine, and
- State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) vaccine.

Each vaccine shipment includes a packing slip detailing the number of VFC, State and SCHIP vaccine doses included in each shipment.

Assessing eligibility for publicly purchased vaccine and screening each patient at every immunization encounter helps ensure accountability for vaccine and helps ensure that all eligible children have access to vaccine. All vaccines administered (public or private) to children 18 years of age and younger must be reported in the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS). Eligibility for all public vaccine doses must be reported in NYSIIS when reporting the doses administered. It is vital that all providers who order public vaccine keep an accurate breakdown of their patient population by age group and eligibility category. See the attached, “Guidelines for Estimating Your Patient Population by Age and Vaccine Eligibility Status.”

The NYS Department of Health tracks and reports vaccine by public funding source to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This information, together with doses administered data, is used by the CDC and NYS to determine vaccine funding.

### Publicly-funded vaccine eligibility categories and criteria:

To receive publicly-funded childhood vaccines, a patient must be a child 18 years of age or younger and who meets one or more of the following eligibility criteria:

	<b>VFC-funded</b>	<b>State-funded</b>	<b>SCHIP-funded</b>
<b>Medicaid-Eligible</b>	YES	NO	NO
<b>Uninsured</b> (No Health Insurance)	YES	NO	NO
<b>American Indian/Alaskan Native</b>	YES	NO	NO
<b>Underinsured</b> (Vaccines not covered or only certain vaccines covered).	YES, but only for the specific vaccines <u>not</u> covered by insurance <b>and</b> if vaccinated at a <b>FQHC</b>	YES, but only for the specific vaccines <u>not</u> covered by insurance <b>and</b> if vaccinated at a provider <b>other than</b> a FQHC	NO
<b>Does not include insured patients who are out of provider network, with high deductibles or co-pays.</b>			
<b>State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) (NOT Medicaid Managed Care)</b>	NO	NO	YES

**Privately-funded vaccine:** Providers must use their privately-purchased supply of vaccine for patients not eligible to receive a public dose.