

PROVIDER NOTICE



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

Effective August 1, 2006, the New York State Department of Health will begin distributing required vaccine for Child Health Plus (CHP B) enrollees through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. Health Plus participating providers already enrolled in VFC should begin ordering vaccine for their CHP B members **by July 1, 2006**, following the same process they use for Health Care Plus/Medicaid (CHP A) members. A new Health Plus vaccine schedule reflecting this and other rate changes is attached.

Providers who are not yet enrolled in VFC will be required to complete the enrollment process and place their initial order for CHP B member vaccine by **July 1, 2006**. To enroll in VFC, please call **1-212-447-8175** or **1-800-KID-SHOT**. For more information about VFC, visit: www.cdc.gov/nip/vfc

Please note that as of **August 1, 2006**, Health Plus will **NOT** reimburse providers for required vaccines administered to Child Health Plus members. ***Therefore, it is critical that all providers enroll in VFC and place their vaccine order by the July 1 deadline in order to receive the necessary vaccine for Child Health Plus members by August 1st.*** For PCPs who are currently being reimbursed for vaccine administration, Health Plus will continue the fee reimbursement for each required vaccine (single or combination) administered to eligible members.

Finally, all providers administering VFC-issued vaccines are now required to report all VFC doses to the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR). Beginning **September 1, 2006**, the CIR will generate an automatic monthly Doses Administered Report (DAR) for all participating providers and use reported quantities to calculate subsequent vaccine shipments. It is therefore imperative that providers submit complete and timely vaccine dosage reports to the CIR. To reach the CIR, please call 212-676-2323 or visit: www.nyc.gov/cir.

If you have any questions about the new vaccine policy, please speak with your Health Plus Provider Relations Associate or call our Provider Care Center at 1-800-450-8753.