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# PHYSICIAN BULLETIN VACCINE FOR CHILDREN

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### VACCINE FOR CHILDREN (VFC) INFORMATION

Through the Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program, federally provided vaccines are available at no cost to public and private providers for eligible children ages 0 through 18 years of age. MO HealthNet enrolled providers must participate in the VFC Program administered by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and must use the free vaccine when administering vaccine to qualified MO HealthNet eligible children. Providers are required to enroll as VFC providers with DHSS in order to bill MO HealthNet for the administration of the vaccine. For more information regarding the specific guidelines of the VFC Program contact the following:

VFC Program  
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services  
930 Wildwood, PO Box 570  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
Phone (800) 219-3224  
FAX: 573-526-5220  
<http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Immunizations/VFC-Providers.html>

### VFC COVERAGE

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) will be offering three additional vaccines to providers enrolled in the VFC Program. MO HealthNet reimbursement for the administration of these additional vaccines will be effective August 1, 2008.

The additional vaccines to be provided through the VFC Program include:

- Rotavirus Vaccine (Rotarix): Administration Procedure Code 90681 SL - A two dose vaccine, live for oral use, is approved for children 6 weeks to 32 weeks of age;

- DTaP-IPV Vaccine (Kinrix): Administration Procedure Code 90696 SL - Approved for the booster dose for children 4 to 6 years of age;
- DTaP-Hib-IPV Vaccine (Pentacel): Administration Procedure Code 90698 SL - Approved for children 6 weeks to 4 years of age

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 90681 and 90696 were accepted at the 2006/2007 CPT Editorial Panel meeting for the 2009 CPT production cycle. These codes are not in the 2008 CPT Book.

### **VFC VACCINE SHORTAGE**

Occasionally, the DHSS advises the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) of a VFC vaccine shortage. When this situation occurs, providers who administer vaccines to eligible children using purchased vaccines may bill MO HealthNet for the cost of the vaccine using the Pharmacy Claim form and the National Drug Code (NDC). MHD providers will be notified through a bulletin if a vaccine shortage occurs.

### **MO HEALTHNET MANAGED CARE PARTICIPANTS**

MO HealthNet Managed Care health plans and their providers must use the VFC vaccine for eligible MO HealthNet managed care health plan participants when available. Plan providers must enroll in the VFC program through the DHSS. Providers should contact the appropriate MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan for proper billing procedures.

Refer to Section 13.13.A of the Physician Manual for more information on the VFC program or click on the following link <http://manuals.momed.com/manuals/>.

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**MO HealthNet News:** Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.missouri.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

**MO HealthNet Managed Care:** The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One for the red or white card.

**Provider Communications Hotline**  
**573-751-2896**