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PLEASE READ AND SHARE WITH ALL STAFF IN YOUR OFFICE!

CALLING ALL CHICAGO VFC PROVIDERS! We need your feedback. Illinois Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) Survey – We want to hear from you!

We would like ALL Chicago VFC providers to fill out this 5 question [survey](#) on MCO reimbursements for vaccine purchased commercially so we can give feedback to Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) and advocate for you. The more responses we get, the more we can make a difference!

Access the survey by clicking the hyperlink above or navigate to this address: <https://bit.ly/2JSS0w8>

NEW Illinois Public Health Association CHIP Vaccine Purchasing Consortium

For providers who currently refer out CHIP/Title XXI/state-funded patients for vaccine, an additional resource is now available. Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA) has established a consortium to provide pediatric vaccines on a consignment basis to practices that see CHIP-eligible children. The provider reimburses the consortium for the vaccines only and keeps all other reimbursements related to the encounter. You can also contact the consortium for consultation even if you are already purchasing private vaccine for CHIP patients. View [CHIP Purchasing Consortium Flyer here](#), email vaccines@ipha.com or call 217-522-5687 and ask for Walt Howe or Phil Talley.

EverThrive Spring Immunization Seminar

When: Thursday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration and breakfast opens at 8:30 a.m

Where: Loretto Hospital, 645 S. Central Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

This free event offers the opportunity for providers, health care professionals, and community advocates to network, learn best practices, and hear updates on immunization initiatives across Illinois. Join EverThrive IL and partners and hear presentations on the following topics:

- Adult Vaccinations
- Current Efforts to Increase HPV Vaccination Rates
- HPV Survivor Testimony
- Citywide Immunization Panel

National Infant Immunization Week Recap

How did your practice celebrate NIIW? Send your NIIW stories and pictures to Chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org!




We are pleased to share with you the updated Vaccines for Children Program infographic produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. You can access the infographic in different file formats here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/20-year-infographic.html>


Vaccines for Children
Protecting America's children every day

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccines. VFC has helped prevent disease and save lives.

CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2016 will:

- prevent **381 million** illnesses  more than the current population of the entire U.S.A.
- help avoid **855,000** deaths  greater than the population of Seattle, W.A.
- save nearly **\$1.65 trillion** in total societal costs  or \$5,077 for each American
(that includes \$360 billion in direct costs)

Updated 2017 analysis using methods from "Benefits from Immunization during the Vaccines for Children Program Era—United States, 1993–2013"

 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram

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Reminder - Register to Attend the Last VFC Regional Meeting

If your clinic has not completed the regional meeting training requirement, please register to attend the **last** VFC meeting on Wednesday, May 23rd at Malcom X College.

The Chicago VFC program requires two staff per clinic to attend. The Medical Director or other staff of equal status whose responsibilities include aspects of vaccine management (Vaccine Coordinator and Back-up Vaccine Coordinator) should attend.

HOW TO REGISTER: Please go to <https://www.chicagohan.org/surveys> and click on the registration link under the 2018 VFC Regional Meeting section to launch the registration form. One registration form should be completed for each attendee

QUESTIONS: For all VFC Regional Meeting questions please contact Patrick Irving at 312-746-9861 or email chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org

Reminder - Annual VFC Program Re-Enrollment Requirement

Our 2017-2018 VFC contract with all providers expired as of May 1, 2018. To continue receiving VFC vaccines, every provider must complete the 2018 re-enrollment found in I-CARE and submit the completed Provider Agreement to Chicago VFC.

If your clinic has not completed the annual VFC re-enrollment process in I-CARE, or if you have not faxed (312/746-6220) or emailed (Chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org) the Provider Agreement with the Medical Director's signature, please do this right away.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide any VFC vaccines to your practice if these documents are not completed.

Questions: For all re-enrollment questions please contact the Vaccine Management Unit at 312-746-5385 or email chicagovfc@cityofchicago.org