

Vaccine Funding

Commonwealth of Pa., Department of Health (DOH), Immunization Program currently receives two Federal vaccine funding streams

- Vaccines for Children (entitlement based on eligibility)
- Section 317 (discretionary defined by CDC)

No state funds

Policy Changes

- As of Oct. 1, 2012 federal vaccine supplied to the state for DOH clinics, County and Municipal Health Department (CMHD)clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers/Rural Health Center (FQHC/RHC)clinics may only serve Vaccines for Children (VFC) eligible clients and uninsured and underinsured clients.

Policy Change Impacts

- Department of Health clinics will screen all clients and refer non-VFC eligible insured clients to a primary care provider.
- Department of Health will not provide Tdap to birthing facilities.
- Department of Health will not provide vaccine to high risk clinics such as STD, HIV/AIDS and drug and alcohol sites.

Policy Change Impacts

- Department of Health will pursue Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with local Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Centers for deputization to be able to serve underinsured clients with VFC vaccine.

Deputizing Definitions

- Deputization: The formal extension of VFC authority to provide VFC vaccines to eligible underinsured children from a participating FQHC or RHC to another VFC-enrolled provider. Under this arrangement, the deputizing FQHC or RHC retains its full scope of authority as a VFC provider while extending the authority to deputized VFC providers to immunize underinsured children with VFC vaccine.
- Deputized VFC provider: A VFC provider to which authority to vaccinate underinsured children with VFC vaccine is extended by an FQHC or RHC through the MOU.
- Deputizing FQHC/RHC: An FQHC or RHC that is extending authority to another VFC provider via the MOU.

Deputized and Non-Deputized Clinic Policy

- Department of Health sites that are deputized may serve underinsured with VFC vaccine.
- Department of Health sites that are NOT deputized or that do not have a FQHC/RHC in the county may give underinsured Section 317 funded vaccine.
- Department of Health sites in counties that do have FQHC/RHC and are not deputized may give Section 317 vaccine or may refer underinsured to FQHC/RHC to use VFC vaccine.
 - Referring saves the 317 funds for truly uninsured clients.

SITE	DEPUTIZED	CLIENTS	FUNDING
DOH	YES	Underinsured	VFC
DOH	NO	Underinsured	317 or refer to FQHC/RHC
FQHC/RHC	N/A	Underinsured	VFC
CMHD	Not an option at this time	Underinsured	317 or refer to FQHC/RHC