

## Vaccine for Children (VFC) Eligibility

Children 18 years of age or under that meet at least one of the following criteria are eligible for VFC vaccine.

### 1. MEDICAID

- Title 19 recipient
- Title 21 children enrolled in M-SHIP\*

### 2. AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE

### 3. NO INSURANCE

### 4. UNDERINSURED- Health insurance that DOES NOT pay for vaccines.

- No preventative health care coverage in the insurance policy.
- Insurance coverage for only a specified variety of immunizations and no insurance for additional vaccines provided normally under the VFC program.

**Example** - If there is no coverage available for HPV vaccine, then the child is eligible for the HPV vaccine only under the VFC program.

If that same policy does cover a specified immunization, then we are unable to give under the VFC program.

- The policy does include preventative health care coverage up to a specified “cap”. Once that amount is reached, preventative coverage ceases with the insurance carrier and vaccines needed for children after that “cap” may be received through the VFC program.

**NOTE:** Underinsured children may receive VFC vaccines ONLY from a Federally Qualified Health Center/Rural Health Clinic or Public Health Clinic.

## Childhood Immunization Schedule

### AGE/IMMUNIZATION

#### Birth

Hepatitis B

#### 2 Months

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Hepatitis B, Polio, Haemophilus influenzae type B, Pneumococcal, Rotavirus

#### 4 & 6 Months

Repeat of 2 month immunizations

#### 12-15 Months

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus influenzae type B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella (Chicken Pox), Hepatitis A, Pneumococcal

#### 18 Months

Hepatitis A

#### 4 Years

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella (Chicken Pox)

\*Title 21 children that are also enrolled in S-SHIP are NOT eligible because this plan includes a state health insurance program.

HOWEVER,

\*Title 21 children that are enrolled in M-SHIP ARE eligible for VFC benefits.

**Parents responsibility to know insurance coverage.**

## Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 7-18

### AGE/IMMUNIZATION

#### 11 Years

Human Papillomavirus (for Cervical Cancer prevention and genital warts (2<sup>nd</sup> dose 6 months after first dose. Recommended for females and males age 9-26.

Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (after this immunization, tetanus diphtheria immunizations are recommended every 10 years or if a dirty wound occurs, 5 years)  
Meningococcal

#### 16 Years

Meningococcal B (2 dose series)

If a person has not been immunized for any of the childhood vaccines, they should be completed at this time. These may include: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Polio, Varicella (Chicken Pox), Pneumococcal (for high risk groups, such as sickle cell disease, functional or anatomic asplenia, HIV infection, Alaska native, African American, American Indian, child care attendance, Cochlear implant and those suffering with chronic illness).

Adults of any age that will be in contact with an infant should receive a T-Dap Immunization to protect infants from Pertussis (whooping cough.)

**INFLUENZA VACCINE IS GIVEN ON A YEARLY BASIS.**

Appointments are highly recommended. To schedule an appointment, call 712.225.2129.

Unscheduled visitors will be seen on a first come, first served basis.

- Medicaid clients please bring your current card.
- No one is ever turned away for inability to pay.
- In order to help defray costs, a suggested \$10.00 donation is appreciated.
- We require written consent of a parent or legal guardian.
- Please bring previous record of immunizations.
- Immunizations can be given if child has a slight cold or is on antibiotics.
- Boosters for children entering school can be given any time after 4 years of age.
- In addition to receiving immunizations, children should be seen by their doctor for regular check-ups.
- CRMC Public Health does not submit bills to insurance companies. If your insurance does pay for immunizations and you come to Public Health Clinics for immunizations, you will need to pay at the time of visit. An itemized bill will be given to you to send to your insurance company.

If you have any questions regarding immunizations, please contact CRMC Public Health office at 1000 South Second Street or call 712.225.2129.

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#### Medical Center

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### Cherokee Regional Clinics

#### CRC - Cherokee

300 Sioux Valley Drive  
Cherokee, Iowa 51012  
712.225.6265

#### CRC-Aurelia

225 Main St.  
Aurelia, Iowa 51005  
712.434.2101

#### CRC - Holstein

112 N. Kiel St.  
Holstein, Iowa 51025  
712.368.4730

#### CRC - Marcus

300 Pine St.  
Marcus, Iowa 51035  
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