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New York State Vaccine Program

Information on Fully Privately Insured Children Vaccinated at Local Health Departments

Effective October 1, 2012, Local Health Departments may not administer publicly funded vaccine to fully privately insured children.

Eligibility for Vaccination:

- **Publicly Funded Vaccine:** Vaccine provided by the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Immunization's Vaccine Program at no cost to the Local Health Department.
 - Children less than 19 years of age are eligible for publicly funded vaccine if they:
 - Are enrolled in Medicaid or Medicaid Managed Care, OR
 - Have no insurance, OR
 - Are an American Indian or Alaskan Native, regardless of insurance status, OR
 - Are underinsured
 - Children who have commercial health insurance but the coverage does not include vaccines,
 - Children whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (eligible for non-covered vaccines only),
 - Children whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount or number of visits (eligible once that cap is exceeded), OR
 - Are enrolled in Child Health Plus.
- **Fully Privately Insured Patients:** Insured patients are not eligible for publicly funded vaccine if they are enrolled in a commercial health insurance plan that provides coverage for the vaccine(s) being administered. Federal Vaccine For Children (VFC) program requirements consider such patients fully insured even if the commercial health insurance plan does not reimburse for the full cost of the vaccine or the commercial health insurance plan has a deductible.
 - The Health Department encourages those who have insurance to talk with their primary care providers to arrange for their vaccines.
 - Currently, the Health Department is unable to bill insurance companies; however, we do have a sliding-fee scale for Influenza and Pneumonia immunizations. This may be an option for those who have insurance but at this time are not able to receive vaccines from their primary care provider.
- **Exceptions:** There are some exceptions depending on a person's specific situation. Please call 585-589-3278 and ask to speak with a Public Health Nurse to discuss these exceptions and to determine if they may be applied in your situation.

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