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Citation 1 Vaccines For Children Program

1928 of the Act

1. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is administered by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Vaccines available through the VFC program are those recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The VFC program maintains a list of program-enrolled providers. The VFC distributes vaccines to program-enrolled providers for immunization of federally vaccine-eligible children in accordance with the Social Security Act (SSA), Section 1928, as indicated below.
 - a. The VFC program will provide each federally vaccine-eligible child, 18 years of age and younger, with medically appropriate vaccines according to the recommended vaccine periodicity schedule developed by ACIP. All ACIP vaccines are preventive and administered without cost-sharing.
 - b. The VFC program will outreach and encourage providers to participate in the program and to administer vaccines in multiple settings. This includes, but is not limited to, private health care providers, providers that receive funds under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and health programs or facilities operated by Indian tribes.
 - c. With respect to any population of federally vaccine-eligible children, a substantial portion of whose parents/guardians have limited ability to speak English, the VFC program will identify program-enrolled providers who are able to communicate with this population in the language and cultural context that is most appropriate.
 - d. The VFC program will instruct program-enrolled providers to determine eligibility in accordance with SSA Section 1928(b) and (h).
 - e. The VFC program will assure that program-enrolled providers submit to the State an executed provider agreement in accordance with SSA Section 1928(c) and current VFC program provider agreement terms. No vaccine will be distributed under the program to a provider unless the provider is a program-enrolled provider with an executed participation provider agreement with CDPH.
 - f. Except as authorized under SSA Section 1915(b) or as permitted by the Secretary to prevent fraud or abuse, the State will not impose any additional qualifications or conditions, in addition to those indicated above, in order for a provider to qualify as a program-enrolled provider.

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2. The State Medicaid Agency has coordinated with the California Department of Public Health in the completion of this preprint page.
 3. The State agency with overall responsibility for the implementation, management and enforcement of the provisions of SSA Section 1928 is:

 ___ State Medicaid Agency

 X California Department of Public Health