

Apple Health (Medicaid): Provider Alert

Vaccine For Children (VFC) – VFC Administration billing update, effective July 1, 2024

Attention providers:

What is changing?

The Health Care Authority (HCA) is updating the billing guidelines for Vaccines for the Children (VFC) program as detailed below:

Effective for dates of service on or before June 30, 2024

The VFC administration rate is enhanced to cover administration and administrative costs. The current [EPSDT Well-Child Program Billing Guide](#) instructs providers to not bill administration codes with VFC vaccines.

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2024

HCA will reduce the administrative fee and will pay administration codes at Medicare rates. The *EPSDT Well-Child Program Billing Guide* will allow providers to bill the administration codes with VFC vaccines. This is a budget neutral change.

Note: HCA allows the administration of COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial (RSV) vaccines, under the VFC program, when billed with the appropriate administrative procedure codes.

Billing Guide and Fee Schedule

HCA will revise the *EPSDT Well-Child Program Billing Guide* and the *Enhanced Pediatric, Physician-Related/Professional Services, and Professional Administered Drug Fee Schedules* to reflect this change and publish the revised documents **by July 1, 2024**. See [HCA's Provider billing guides and fee schedules](#), under *Early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment (EPSDT)*.