

# Vaccines for Children Program Enrollment FAQs

The Tennessee Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides free vaccines for eligible children, age 18 years and younger, who may not have access otherwise. Consider joining the more than 600 private physicians, health department clinics, federally qualified health centers (FQHC) and rural health centers (RHC) who participate in the Tennessee VFC program. Here are some questions to help you get started.

## Who is eligible for the VFC program?

Children from birth through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following criteria are eligible to receive VFC vaccine:

- **TennCare eligible:** A child who is eligible for Medicaid or enrolled in the TennCare program
- **Uninsured:** A child who has no health insurance coverage
- **American Indian or Alaska Native:** As defined by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603)
- **Underinsured\*:** A child who has commercial (private) health insurance, but the coverage does not include vaccines, has only selected vaccines (VFC-eligible for non-covered vaccines only), or has insurance caps on vaccine coverage at a certain dollar amount. \*These patients can only receive vaccine at an FQHC, RHC, or local health department.

## Who can enroll in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program?

To participate in the Tennessee VFC Program, a healthcare provider must have an active, unencumbered medical, pharmacy, or advanced nursing practice license in the state of Tennessee. Additional provider required information can be found on page 10 of the VFC Provider Handbook.

## When can providers enroll in the VFC program?

A provider/facility may join the VFC Program at **any** time.

## What application information is needed for VFC Enrollment?

A new online Provider Agreement in TennIIS, the three-page Provider Agreement Signature Pages signed by the Agreement Signatory, a Routine and Emergency Vaccine Management Plan (REVMP), proof of training for the Agreement Signatory, Primary, and Back-Up Vaccine Coordinators - "You Call the Shots" and if applicable, RHC/FQHC Certificate for the facility type. Refer to the VFC Provider Handbook.

## How do providers receive vaccines?

VFC vaccines are ordered through the TennIIS platform and shipped directly to the provider. Vaccines provided through the VFC Program must be administered according to the guidelines outlined by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

**Review VFC information on enrollment, requirements, trainings, provider resources, contacts, and more:**  
[2024-2025 VFC Provider Handbook](#)

[2024-2025 VFC Handbook Appendices](#)

**Access the VFC page:** <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/immunization-program/ip/vfc.html> or contact the Help Desk.

## Training Links

**[You Call the Shots: \(Module10 \(Storage and Handling\) & 16 \(VFC Program\) for the current year\)](#)**

