

TITLE: Immunizations

PURPOSE: To provide immunizations in accordance with the Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule for the United States, or when Medically Necessary for the Member's health and ensure administration of all vaccines for which a Member under the age of Revised 09/01/06: 21 is eligible at the time of each visit.

- PROCEDURE:**
- A. Providers administering Immunizations:
 - 1. Follows only true contraindications established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices ("ACIP"), unless:
 - a. In making a medical judgment in accordance with accepted medical practices, such compliance is deemed medically inappropriate
 - b. The particular requirement is not in compliance with Florida law, including Florida law relating to religious or other exemptions
 - 2. Participates in the Vaccines For Children Program ("VFC")
 - 3. Requirement of Participation in ("VFC") Program is made part of Provider Agreements and Provider Manual.
 - a. Sufficient supply of vaccines will be made available for children enrolled in the VFC program and Providers directly enrolled in the VFC program maintains adequate vaccine supplies
 - 4. Provide immunization information to DCF for Members requesting temporary cash assistance from DCF, upon request by DCF and receipt of the Member's written permission, in order to document that the Member has met the immunization requirements for Members receiving temporary cash assistance.
 - 5. **Revised 9/1/09: Provide documentation annually by October 1 to BMHC that FCA, or its participating providers, are enrolled in the VFC program.**
 - 6. **Revised 9/1/09: Provide coverage and reimbursement to the participating provider for immunizations covered by Medicaid, but not provided through VFC.**
 - B. Providers administering immunization for Title XXI MediKids
 - 1. Title XXI MediKids Members do not qualify for the VFC program as specified in this Policy.
 - 2. Immunizations provided to Title XXI MediKids, Providers should bill Medicaid fee-for-service directly.