

To: VFC Providers
Cc: Regional Immunization Representatives
From: Catherine D. Haralson, Manager | TN Immunization and VFC Program
Date: March 10, 2017

Subject: **URGENT UPDATE – Patients Dually Insured with Medicaid and Private Insurance**

Today, CDC issued updated guidance to Immunization Programs for dealing with children who are dually insured (Medicaid and private insurance). They have retracted the 2017 guidance referenced in my previous communication to you dated March 7, 2017.

Until further notice, we are to use the language from the 2016 VFC Operations Guide regarding patients dually insured with both Medicaid and private insurance (below). Here is the language from the 2016 VFC Operations Guide:

Insured and Medicaid as Secondary Insurance:

Situations occur where children may have private health insurance and Medicaid as secondary insurance. These children will be VFC-eligible as long as they are enrolled in Medicaid. However, the parent is not required to participate in the VFC program. There are options for the parent and provider. These options are described below:

- Option 1: A provider can administer VFC vaccine to these children and bill the Medicaid agency for the administration fee.
- Option 2: A provider can administer private stock vaccine and bill the primary insurance carrier for both the cost of the vaccine and the administration fee.

Again, until further notice, please use this guidance from the 2016 VFC Operations Guide regarding patients dually insured with both Medicaid and private insurance.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly (catherine.d.haralson@tn.gov or 615741-7507).

Attachment: CDC email to Program Managers

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Dear Program Manager,

We want to let you know that we and CMS are currently reviewing the language in the 2017 VFC Operations Guide (page 14), which states that Medicaid will be the payer of last resort for immunizations. **The wording on this page is being reviewed.** Note that this change only impacts children dually insured with Medicaid and private insurance.

Until further notice, please use the language from the 2016 VFC Operations Guide (page 17) regarding patients dually insured with both Medicaid and private insurance. Here is that language from the 2016 Guide: (please also see the 2016 VFC Operations Guide for the full guidance; page 17; "Insured and Medicaid as Secondary Insurance.")

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I apologize for the inconvenience of this message, and we are working quickly to finalize the guidance. **If you have any questions about this message**, please contact Nathan Crawford, Technical Assistance Team Lead at ngc7@cdc.gov.

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