

Vaccines for Children

VFC Eligibility Guide

As a Vaccines for Children (VFC) provider, you are responsible for ensuring VFC vaccines are administered only to VFC-eligible patients.

Screen for and document VFC eligibility at every visit.* Document the patient's insurance status in one of the following ways:

- Enter their insurance information in your EHR/EMR
- Photocopy the patient's insurance card and note the date the photocopy was made
- Complete the VFC Screening Form

**Documentation must be kept on record for at least three years.*

Eligible for VFC

A patient is eligible for VFC vaccine if they are 18 years of age or younger (0 through 18 years old) and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Uninsured
- Medicaid-eligible
- Native American or Alaska Native
- Under-insured: privately insured, but not covered for immunizations:
 - Only eligible to receive VFC vaccines at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) or PDPH public health centers.
 - Cost sharing groups are not considered insurance. Reach out to our team with any questions about insurance coverage for immunization by emailing us at DPHProviderHelp@phila.gov.

NOT Eligible for VFC

A patient is not eligible if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Privately insured
- Insured through CHIP (PA Children's Health Insurance Program)
- Anyone 19 years of age or older

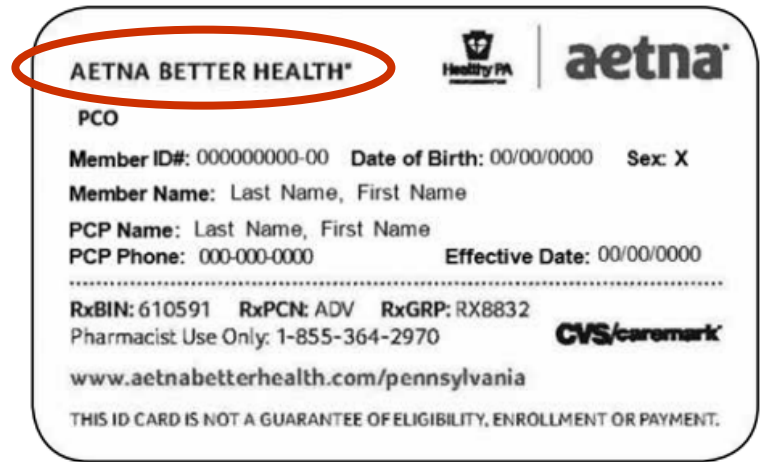
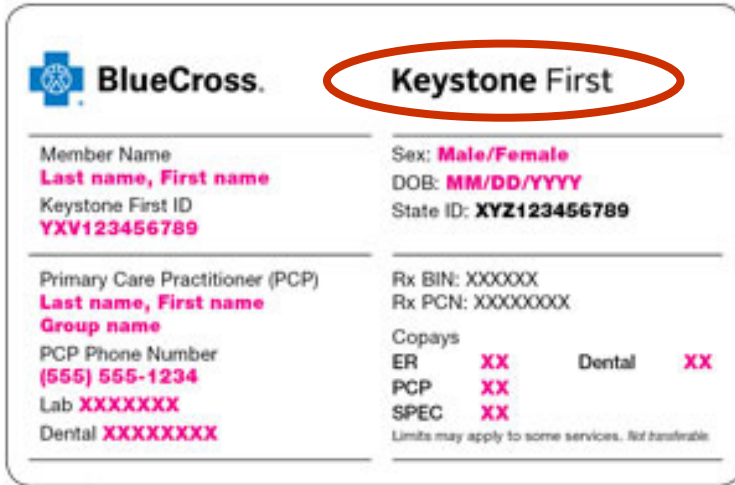
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PA Medicaid Insurance Cards

Note that these Medicaid insurance cards may look similar to CHIP insurance cards, but there are differences. Look carefully because children with Medicaid ARE eligible for VFC, but children with CHIP are NOT eligible for VFC.

Remember: CHIP kids are not eligible for VFC vaccine.



- The IBX Medicaid card has the “Keystone First” logo.
- CHIP cards have a “PA Kids” logo.

- The Aetna Medicaid card has the “Aetna Better Health” logo.
- CHIP cards have the “Aetna Better Health Kids” logo.



- The Health Partners Medicaid card has the “Health Partners” logo.
- CHIP cards have a “Kidz Partners” logo.

- The UnitedHealthcare Medicaid card has:
 - A star in the top right corner (may not appear on all cards)
 - Bottom right corner states: “...for Families”
- CHIP cards say “...for Kids” in the bottom right