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Provider Eligibility for Vaccines for Publicly Funded Vaccine Programs

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# **Policy Statement**

Specific criteria have been established for providers electing to enroll in a publicly funded vaccine program in the state of Indiana.

#### **Provider Eligibility Criteria**

To enroll in a publicly funded vaccine program, the provider must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a licensed medical provider with prescriptive authority in the State of Indiana: physicians, advanced practice nurses, physicians' assistants, and pharmacists.
- Serve individuals who are eligible to receive vaccines through the VFC program, or any publicly funded vaccine program. The population size of eligible individuals must meet the Immunization Division's minimum threshold in accordance with the cost analysis that will be conducted annually.
- Possess a storage unit in compliance with the Storage Unit Certification requirements contained in the Storage and Handling- Storage Unit Requirements policy (Policy 8).
- Ability to receive vaccine shipments and appropriately store each vaccine immediately upon delivery.
- Have no employees or staff reported on the "List of Excluded Individuals and Entities" as administered and published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG). <a href="https://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/default.aspx">https://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/default.aspx</a>

# **Provider Types**

Indiana permits both traditional and non-traditional providers to enroll in publicly funded vaccine programs.

Traditional providers have traditionally provided immunization services, such as family practice, general practice, and pediatric offices. Traditional providers must offer all ACIP recommended vaccines.

Nontraditional providers are providers who serve specific populations, such as adolescents or newborns, and who have not traditionally provided immunization services to their clients. The Immunization Division has the discretion to allow nontraditional providers to limit their participation in a publicly funded vaccine program to specific vaccines recommended for the specific population served by the provider.



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Examples of Specialty Providers and Appropriate Limitations

Family planning clinics, long term juvenile correctional facilities, school-based health clinics: Limited to select adolescent vaccinations, such as HPV, Tdap, MCV, Hep A and Hep B

Birthing Hospitals: limited to birth dose of Hep B

Birthing Centers: limited to adult Tdap

Each healthcare provider office <u>must</u> enroll separately. If there are two offices in the same building (for example, pediatrics and family medicine sharing a space), they may <u>not</u> enroll one office and share vaccines with the other.

#### References & Resources

Immunization Provider Enrollment Request (State Form 54048) https://www.in.gov/isdh/files/54048%20Immunization%20Provider%20Contact%20Request%20Fillable.pdf

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