

Vaccine Information for the Children’s Health Insurance Program

Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

The CHIP program in Florida includes the following three programs:

- **MediKids** – for children ages 1 through 4, administered by the Agency for Health Care Administration. Children are enrolled in Medicaid Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) health and dental plans.
- **Healthy Kids** - for children ages 5 through 18, administered by the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation. Children are enrolled in Healthy Kids health and dental plans.
- **Children’s Medical Services Health Plan (CMS Health Plan)** – for children ages one through 18 with special health care needs, administered by the Florida Department of Health. Children are enrolled in the CMS Health Plan (Operated by WellCare) to receive health and dental services.

Children with CHIP coverage are not eligible for vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Each CHIP program has their own delivery system for accessing services and claims submissions. Providers need to determine the type of coverage a child has in order to submit claims and be reimbursed correctly.

The following table illustrates how claims should be submitted for children with CHIP coverage.

| Vaccine Product | MediKids Coverage | Healthy Kids Coverage | KidCare CMS Health Plan |
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| Vaccines for children through age 18 | MMA providers submit claims to the MMA health plan for payment. Follow the MMA plan’s instructions for submitting claims. | Providers submit claims to the Healthy Kids health plan. Follow the plan’s instructions for submitting claims. | Providers submit claims to CMS Health Plan. Follow the plan’s instructions for submitting claims. |
| Vaccine Administration Fee | MMA providers submit claims to the MMA health plan for payment. Follow the MMA plan’s instructions for submitting claims. | Providers submit claims to the Healthy Kids health plan. Follow the plan’s instructions for submitting claims. | Providers submit claims to CMS Health Plan. Follow the plan’s instructions for submitting claims. |

Additional MediKids Information

- When verifying coverage, MediKids coverage can be identified with the benefit plan MKIDS and categories MKA, MKB and MKC.
- The Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) health plans reimburse the Florida Medicaid providers for vaccines and the administration based on the negotiated contract between the MMA health plan and the provider.
- The *Prescribed Drugs Immunization Fee Schedule* located on the Agency’s [website](#) includes a list of the Florida Medicaid covered immunizations.