



New System Editing on Fee-for-Service (FFS) Pharmacy Claims for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

The VFC Program is a federally-funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to eligible children. The vaccines are distributed to private physicians' offices, pharmacies and public health clinics enrolled as VFC providers. VFC providers administer the vaccines to VFC-eligible children. A child is eligible for VFC vaccine if he or she is younger than 19 years of age and Medicaid-enrolled (includes both fee-for-service and managed care).

Pharmacies wishing to administer VFC-available vaccines to Medicaid members under 19 years of age may enroll in the VFC program. NYS Medicaid should **NEVER** be billed for the cost of any vaccine for persons under 19 years of age when it is available through the VFC Program. This applies to both FFS and MCO. Pharmacies that are not enrolled in the VFC program may choose to provide vaccines for members under 19 years of age at no charge to the member or Medicaid program, and be reimbursed an immunization fee of \$17.85 by NYS Medicaid. Please see the [NYS Medicaid FFS Program Pharmacist as Immunizers Fact Sheet](#) for further guidance.

For Medicaid FFS, effective May 23, 2019 a new edit will enforce the above policy. The new edit will ensure that when there is an incoming claim for the administrative fee (procedure code 90460) that there is also a claim in history for a VFC eligible vaccine procedure code, reimbursed at zero-dollar amount. If no history claim is found, then the claim will be denied for the new edit 02291.

Claims Edit 02291-

- For NCPDP claims transactions that are denied for edit 02291, the corresponding MEVS Denial Reason Code "738" will be returned- *History Not Found for Administrative Vaccine Claim* and NCPDP Reject code "85", *Claim Not Processed*.

Billing Questions may be directed to the eMedNY Call Center at 1-800-343-9000.