

Program Highlights

The Texas Vaccines For Children (TVFC) program is a federally funded vaccine supply program designed to remove barriers to immunization services. The goal of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's TVFC program is to ensure that 90% of the children in Bexar County are up to date with their immunizations by the age of two.

★ **Your patients are eligible to receive TVFC vaccine if they are age 0-18 years and fall into the following categories:**

1. **Medicaid Enrolled**
2. **Uninsured**
3. **Underinsured (have health insurance that does not cover immunizations)**
4. **American Indian or Alaskan Native (approx. 0.04% of the population of Bexar County)**
5. **Enrolled in CHIP (non-VFC vaccine is provided for your patients enrolled in CHIP)**

Immunizations provided during TxHealth Steps visits are reimbursed through Medicaid. CHIP also reimburses providers for vaccinations administered to eligible clients. Providers cannot charge Medicaid or CHIP for the vaccine, as it is supplied at no cost through the TVFC program. Providers cannot charge their patients enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP the vaccine administration fee; providers can bill Medicaid or CHIP to receive the vaccine administration fee.

Providers can charge a vaccine administration fee to patients that are Uninsured, Underinsured, and American Indian or Alaskan Native. The state set the administrative fee cap for vaccine administration at \$22.06 per dose. Under the TVFC enrollment agreement providers agree not to turn TVFC eligible children away for immunizations if the parent/guardian cannot pay the administrative fee. In the event that the family cannot pay the vaccine administrative fee, the fee is waived and the immunizations are provided. It is recommended that providers set a reasonable administrative fee to cover the costs associated with providing immunizations.

Providers enrolled in the TVFC program agree to screen patients for TVFC eligibility and document their status using the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program Patient Eligibility Screening Record. Providers must keep a copy of the form with eligibility screening completed in the patient's chart as proof of TVFC eligibility.

★ **Consent forms are due by mail weekly in the postage paid mailer provided.**

★ **Monthly Reports Due the 1st of Each Month**

1. Temperature Recording Form (submitted by fax)
2. Doses Administered Report (entered into EVI)
3. Vaccine Inventory Report Provider C-33 (entered into EVI)

Mail or fax these monthly temperature logs to:

San Antonio Metropolitan Health District Attn: Yvonne Puente, TVFC program
Immunization Division, Ste. 108
332 W. Commerce
San Antonio, Texas 78205
FAX (210) 207-0751
Alternative FAX (210) 207-9796

Postage paid /Self addressed mailers are supplied to all TVFC providers.