

Metropolitan Pediatric Specialists, P.A. is a participating provider in the MnVFC program, through the Minnesota Department of Health. MnVFC pays for vaccine for un- and underinsured children (and some adults).

The MnVFC program has a self-screening form for children in several languages that parents can fill out, called *Can my child get free or low-cost shots?*

Here is a general overview of MnVFC eligibility criteria. For up-to-date details, see the MnVFC Patient Eligibility Screening Record forms on the web at

www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/mnvfc.

Children from birth through 18 years

- Uninsured
- Enrolled in a Minnesota Health Care Program:
 - * Medical Assistance (MA),
 - * General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC),
 - * MinnesotaCare, or a
 - * Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP)
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Has health insurance that does not cover one or more vaccines, as can be the case with newly licensed vaccines that aren't yet covered (MnVFC eligible for non-covered vaccines only)
- Has health insurance that caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount; once that amount is reached, the person is MnVFC eligible
- Has health insurance with any unmet deductible; once the deductible has been paid, the person is no longer MnVFC eligible

Note: State law requires that Minnesota insurance companies cover immunizations without applying a deductible; this is called first-dollar coverage. Most Minnesotans who have health insurance will not have a deductible for immunizations and therefore will not be considered to be “underinsured” for MnVFC purposes.

There are three costs associated with each immunization: the cost of the vaccine, the cost of administering the vaccine, and the cost of the office visit. MnVFC covers the cost vaccines by providing free vaccine to clinics. In addition, the program caps the fee you may charge MnVFC-eligible patients at \$14.69 per dose (not per vaccine antigen) for administering MnVFC vaccine. This fee limit is set by federal law. You may also charge for the office visit--but not for the MnVFC vaccine.