

	Vaccines for Children	
	Section 317 Funded Vaccine for the Pediatric Population (Birth-18 years)	Page 1 of 1
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(This policy supersedes all previous policies issued on this subject.)

As of October 1, 2012, Section 317 funded vaccine may not be used for routine vaccination of any fully-insured individual. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines fully insured as anyone with insurance that covers the cost of vaccine, even if the insurance includes a high-deductible or co-pay, or if a claim for the cost of the vaccine and administration would be denied for payment by the insurance carrier because the plan's deductible has not been met.

Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) were deputized in 2013, enabling the immunization of underinsured children with VFC vaccine instead of using Section 317 funded vaccine. Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) are to utilize the 317 funded vaccines as outlined in this policy.

1. **If a fully insured child presents to the health department, the health department may not immunize the child utilizing 317 funded vaccines (unless the child meets one of the following exceptions listed) and must refer to a medical provider that provides immunizations. The exceptions are as follows:**
 - Fully insured infants of hepatitis B infected women and the household or sexual contacts of hepatitis B infected individuals
 - Fully insured individuals seeking vaccines during public health response activities as approved by Department of Health and Senior Services' (DHSS) Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance (BIAA) including
 - Outbreak response as declared by DHSS Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention or CDC,
 - Post-exposure prophylaxis,
 - Disaster relief efforts, or
 - Mass vaccination campaigns or exercises for public health preparedness.

2. **If an underinsured child presents to the deputized health department, the health department may immunize the child utilizing VFC funded vaccines.**

3. **Local Public Health Agencies may utilize 317 and VFC funded vaccines to immunize children at the Local Public Health Agency's physical location or an off-site location as long as children are screened to ensure their VFC or 317 eligibility and the proper cold chain protocol is followed.**