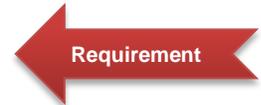




3. BILLING

There are two costs associated with vaccine— the cost of the vaccine and the administration fee.

The billing requirements of the VFC Program are statutorily defined as follows:



Vaccine

- Providers may not charge patients, Medicaid, or private insurance for VFC vaccine.

Administration Fee

- The maximum regional charge set for the Montana VFC vaccine administration fee is \$21.32 per vaccine (not per antigen in combination vaccines).
- Patients must never be charged more than the VFC administration fee cap.
- Private insurance may be billed VFC vaccine administration fees at the private rate.
- VFC vaccinations cannot be denied to an established VFC-eligible patient due to the inability of the parent or guardian to pay the administration fee.

Please refer to the tables in Section 4 – VFC Eligibility – Special Eligibility Circumstance for billing information under various VFC eligibility scenarios.

See “Borrowing” in Section 16, for options for adjusting inventory to correct for improperly billed vaccine.