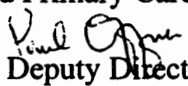




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D.C. Medicaid Program
Transmittal No. 98-22

TO: DC Medicaid Primary Care Providers and Federally Qualified Health Centers

FROM: 
Paul Offner, Deputy Director
Medical Assistance Administration

DATE: May 5, 1998

SUBJECT: Requirement to Enroll in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

In accordance with the District of Columbia State Plan for Medical Assistance, all primary care providers rendering Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services are required to participate in the Federal Vaccine for Children (VFC) program. The VFC program is a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) federally funded program that supplies providers with vaccines at no charge for eligible children up to age 18. This program was implemented in the District of Columbia on October 1, 1994.

Effective **July 1, 1998**, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will no longer reimburse primary care providers for privately purchased vaccines for eligible VFC clients. If you are a provider practicing in the State of Virginia, please contact Dianne Quarterman Ochoa at (804) 786-6246. If you are a provider practicing in the State of Maryland, please contact Monica Harris at (410) 767-6030. **Providers with offices in the District of Columbia should complete the attached VFC enrollment package and return it to:**

Jacob Mbafor
VFC Coordinator
Division of Immunization
1131 Spring Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011

Enrollment forms must be submitted to Mr. Mbafor by **May 22, 1998**. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Mbafor at (202) 576-7130, fax (202) 576-6418. If you have questions about Medicaid and the VFC program, contact Sarah Davidson, EPSDT Coordinator at (202) 727-0725.

Attachment