#### 2007 VFC Provider Site Visit Questionnaire All Grantees (includes all vaccine purchase policies)

# (This form is to be completed by the public health official who is conducting the site visit review. Section I of this questionnaire is considered the CDC minimum standard for conducting routine VFC provider site visits. Immunization Projects should incorporate these standard questions into their existing VFC site visit protocols and VFC provider on-site questionnaires. Section II is based on the Standards of Pediatric Care. Completion of Section II is optional.)

Date:	Reviewer's Name:	
Provider Site Name:		
Provider address:		
Contact person:		Telephone:
Email:		VFC Number:
County:		Region:
	ic  Private Practice	
Is the provider enrolled in the VI	C Program?	

## SECTION I. VFC COMPLIANCE

**Note:** An incorrect or inappropriate response to any question marked with this icon automatically requires that a corrective action be recommended.

#### Questions 1-11 should be answered by the provider.

- 1. What is the vaccine administration fee charged to non-Medicaid VFC eligible patients (uninsured, American Indian/Alaska Native, under-insured if vaccinated at FQHC/RHC)?
- 2. Under what circumstances would a child be referred to an FQHC/RHC or other facility for immunization services?

Not applicable – Facility is an FQHC/RHC	No children are referred – grantee is universal purchase
Child is underinsured	Vaccine is unavailable
Parent is unable to pay administration fee	Parent is unable to pay office visit fee
Other (specify)	

3. Which of the following vaccines are **NOT** routinely administered in this clinic/practice?

🛄 DTaP	Varicella	Polio
HIB	Hepatitis A	Influenza
MMR	Hepatitis B	Pneumococcal Conjugate
🗌 Td	Pneumococcal Pol	ysaccharide*
MMR-V	Meningococcal Co	njugate
🗌 Tdap	Rotavirus	Human Papillomavirus

Other:
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- to high-risk patients
- 4. When does this clinic/practice provide patients with copies of the Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) to keep?
  - Every time the patient receives a vaccination
  - When the child receives the first dose of vaccine within a particular series (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> dose of DTaP)
  - Do not provide
  - Other (specify)
- 5. In order to complete the annual provider profile, how do you determine the number of VFC-eligible patients in this clinic/practice?
  - Use doses administered data
  - Use benchmarking data
  - Use claims or encounter data
  - Rough estimate based on knowledge of the patient volume in the practice/clinic
  - Immunization Information System (Registry)
  - Other (please describe):
- 6. When does the clinic/practice screen patients for VFC eligibility?
  - First immunization visit to the office
  - Every immunization visit
  - Do not screen for VFC eligibility
  - Other (specify)
- 7. Does the clinic/practice have written procedures in all four areas of vaccine management? (ask to see a copy)

Yes
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- No
- 8. Do the written procedures for vaccine management include the following (check to see if present):

	Yes	No
Proper vaccine storage and handling		
Procedures for vaccine relocation in the event of a power failure or mechanical difficulty		
Vaccine ordering		
Inventory control (e.g. stock rotation)		

9. How often is a physical inventory of stored VFC vaccine conducted?

Never Never	Every 2-3 months
Every month	1-4 times per year

10. How often are VFC vaccines ordered?

🗌 Weekly	Monthly	Bi-monthly	Quarterly	Annually
Bi-Annually	As Needed			

11. Does this clinic/practice always notify the Immunization Program when publicly purchased vaccine has expired or been wasted? Yes No

## Questions (12-31) should be answered based on a physical review of provider's VISs, refrigerator(s) and freezer(s).

12. Please identify the publication date for each of the VIS currently being used in this clinic/practice and then check the appropriate status for each VIS.

VACCINE*	VIS VERSION BEING USED IN THIS CLINIC/PRACTICE						
VACCINE	Current	Outdated	None Used				
DTaP (7/30/01)							
Polio (1/1/2000)							
MMR (1/15/03)							
Hepatitis B (7/11/01)							
Varicella (12/16/98)							
Hepatitis A (3/21/06)							
Hib (12/16/98)							
Pneumococcal Conjugate (9/30/02)							
Live Intranasal Influenza (06/30/06)							
Inactivated Influenza (06/30/06)							
Td (6/10/94)							
Adult Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPV23) (7/29/97)							
Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV) (10/07/05)							
Tdap (07/12/06)							
Rotavirus (4/12/06)							
Human Papillomavirus (9/5/06)							
Other							

VIS Website: http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/VIS/default.htm Current VIS publication dates as of 09/21/2006

13. What type of refrigeration unit is used to store your vaccines, including varicella (if appropriate)? (check all that apply)

Varicella Vaccine	All Other Vaccines				
Stand alone freezer	Stand alone freezer				
Stand alone refrigerator	Stand alone refrigerator				
Dormitory style refrigerator/freezer	Dormitory style refrigerator/freezer				
Combined refrigerator/freezer with	Combined refrigerator/freezer with separate				
separate refrigerator and freezer doors (e.g.	refrigerator and freezer doors (e.g. household style				
household style appliance)	appliance)				
Combined refrigerator/freezer with a single	Combined refrigerator/freezer with a single				
door	door				

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		Refrigerator				Freezer				
	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.
Yes										
Have thermometer but not placed properly										
No thermometer										

14. Are working thermometers placed in a central area of each refrigerator and freezer?

15. (A) What type of thermometer is used by the practice (check all that apply)?

	Refrigerator				Freezer					
	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.
Standard Fluid Filled										
Continuous Recording										
Min-Max										
Dial										
Digital										
Other (specify)										

15. (B) For each type of thermometer used by the practice, indicate if the thermometer is certified (check all that apply).

		F	Refrigerato	or				Freezer		
	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.
Standard	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Fluid Filled	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Continuous	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Recording	No	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Min-Max	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
IVIIII-IVIAX	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Dial	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Diai	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Digital	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Digital	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Other	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
(specify)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

		Refrigerator Freezer								
	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.
Once a day										
Less than once a day										
Twice a day										
More than twice a day										

16. For each refrigerator and freezer indicate how often temperatures are recorded (check all that apply).

17. Record the highest and lowest temperatures logged in the last 3 months. If no log is available for the past three months, record the highest and lowest temperatures for when logs are available: Please indicate if recordings are Celsius (°C) or Fahrenheit (°F).

Recommended temperature ranges: Refrigerator: (2-8°C / 35-46°F) Freezer :(-15°C / 5°F or lower)

		Refrigerat	<b>or</b> (2-8°C	/ 35-46°F)		Freezer(-15°C / 5°F or lower)					
	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	
Lowest	°℃ °F	℃ 'F	°℃ °F	°℃ °F	℃ °F	℃ °F	℃ °F	℃ °F	℃ °F	℃ °F	
Highest	℃ °F	℃ °F	℃ °F	℃ °F	℃ °F	℃ °F	℃ °F	℃ °F	℃ °F	℃ °F	
Log available for last 3 months?	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	
months?											

If any of the lowest and/or highest temperatures are out of the recommended range then **GO TO** question 18. If the temperatures are within the recommended guidelines, **SKIP** to question 21.

18. During past 3 months, how many times were the temperatures outside the recommended range?

			f <b>riger</b> a C / 35	ator -46°F	)	(-1		<b>reeze</b> 5°F (	e <b>r</b> or low	er)
	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.
Below Guidelines										
Above Guidelines										

- 19. When the temperatures were outside the recommended range, what action did the provider take?
  - ( $\checkmark$  all that apply)
  - Adjusted thermostat in refrigerator/freezer
  - Measured temperature with different thermometer to check accuracy of original reading
  - Moved vaccine to a different refrigerator/freezer maintained at proper temperature
  - Called the vaccine manufacturer to determine the potency of the vaccine
  - Called the local/state immunization program for assistance
  - Did not do anything
- 20. Did the provider document the action taken on the temperature log or elsewhere?
- 21. Record the current temperatures

			efrigerato °C / 35-46			<b>Freezer</b> (-15°C / 5°F or lower)					
	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	
Practice	℃	℃	℃	℃	℃	℃	℃	℃	℃	℃	
Thermometer	℉	۴	۴	°F	۴	۴	۴	۴	۴	°F	
Reviewer's	℃	℃	℃	℃	℃	℃	℃	℃	℃	℃	
Thermometer	۴	۴	۴	۴	۴	۴	۴	۴	۴	°F	

22. Are current temperatures within the guidelines according to the reviewer's thermometer? (Refrigerator: 2-8°C / 35-46°F, Freezer: -15°C / 5°F or lower) <u>Please note: if reviewer does not use a thermometer to check the temperature, then refer to the practice's thermometer to answer this question. If reviewer has a thermometer, then record only the reviewer's temperature.</u>

	Re	frigerato	or	·			Freezer		
#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

23. Is food stored with vaccines in the refrigerator or freezer?

	Re	frigerato	or				Freezer		
#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

24. Are vaccines stored in the doors of the refrigerator or freezer?

	Re	frigerato	or				Freezer		
#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

25. Is vaccine stacked with air space between the stacks and side/back of the unit to allow cold air to circulate around the vaccine?

	Ref	frigerato	or				Freezer		
#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

26. Are bottles of water placed in the refrigerator and ice packs in the freezer to maintain the internal temperatures of the storage area?

	Re	frigerato	or				Freezer		
#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

## 27. Is there a "DO NOT DISCONNECT" sign on the refrigerator/freezer electrical outlet?

	Re	frigerato	or		Freezer           #1.         #2.         #3.         #4.           YES         YES         YES         YES           NO         NO         NO         NO				
#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

28. Is there a "DO NOT DISCONNECT" sign on the circuit breaker?

29. Are short-dated vaccines stored in front and used first, rotating stock effectively?

	Re	frigerato	or				Freezer		-
#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.	#1.	#2.	#3.	#4.	#5.
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

30. How does the provider distinguish privately purchased vaccine from publicly purchased vaccine?

Immunization Information System (IIS)/ Registry

Physically separates public vaccine from private vaccine

Does not separate public vaccine from private vaccine

Other method (please specify)

31. Upon checking the provider's vaccine supply, did you find any unreported wasted or expired vaccine? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Questions 32-34 should be answered based on a review of patient charts, electronic medical records, or patient log (electronic or manual) which records VFC eligibility status, or registry.

- 32. What is the VFC eligibility screening coverage in this clinic/practice?
  - □ VFC screening coverage of 100%
  - □ VFC screening coverage of at least 95%
  - □ VFC screening coverage of at least 90%
  - □ VFC screening coverage below 90%
- 33. What methodology was used to determine VFC eligibility screening coverage during this site visit?
  - CDC supplied Lot Quality Assurance (LQA) protocol
  - CoCASA
  - Project developed methodology
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 34. Do all immunization records contain the following documentation required by statute 42 US Code 300aa-25? (✓ one box per item)

Required Documentation	Yes	No
Name of vaccine given		
Date vaccine was given		
Date VIS was given		
Name of vaccine manufacturer		
Lot number		
Name and title of person who gave the vaccine		
Address of clinic where vaccine was given		
Publication date of VIS		

#### Questions 35-36 should be answered based on results of the VFC Site Visit.

35a. Are corrective actions recommended for this VFC enrolled site?

Yes No (STOP here)

35b. Please indicate which corrective actions regarding vaccine practices were recommended for this VFC enrolled

site. ( <i>Il that apply and specify problem</i> ) Please refer to high-risk question	$\left( \begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \right)$	key to determine what
questions were answered inappropriately. All questions answered with inapprop		
actions. You may also enter corrective actions for non high-risk questions. Ente	r al	I recommended corrective
actions in the appropriate space provided below.		

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Administrative practices

□ Vaccine storage and handling

Other:

36. Please indicate your plan for following-up with the site to ensure recommendations were implemented. Provided technical assistance at time of site visit, no further follow-up is needed

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Telephone call
Site visit

F/U letter

Suspended delivery of VFC vaccine until storage/handling problems resolved

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# HIGH PRIORITY QUESTION KEY

All questions indicated with the ! icon are considered high priority questions. Inappropriate or incorrect responses given to any of these questions means that a corrective action must be recommended by the person administering this questionnaire. The table below is to be used as a key. It outlines the correct and incorrect responses to each of the 14 high risk questions.

#	Question	Response Options	Acceptable	Unacceptable- Requires Corrective Action in #36
1	What is the vaccine administration fee charged to non-Medicaid VFC eligible patients (uninsured, American Indian/Alaska Native, under-insured if vaccinated at FQHC/RHC)?	Open-ended	Within state cap (varies by state)	In excess of state cap
4	When does this clinic/practice provide patients with copies of the Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) to keep?	<ol> <li>Every time the patient receives a vaccination</li> <li>When the child receives the first dose of vaccine within a particular series (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> dose of DTaP)</li> <li>Do not provide</li> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ol>	Option 1	Option 2-4
6	When does the clinic/practice screen patients for VFC eligibility?	<ol> <li>First immunization visit to the office</li> <li>Every immunization visit</li> <li>Do not screen for VFC eligibility</li> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ol>	Option 2 Option 3: May be acceptable for certain universal states that do not require screening at the provider level	Option 1, 3-4
7	Does the clinic/practice have written procedures for vaccine management? (ask to see a copy)	1. Yes 2. No	Yes	No
9	How often is a physical inventory of stored VFC vaccine conducted?	<ol> <li>Never</li> <li>Every Month</li> <li>Every 2-3 months         <ul> <li>1-4 times per year</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Option 2	Option 1,3, 4
13	What type of refrigeration unit is used to store your varicella? (check all that apply)	<ol> <li>Stand alone freezer</li> <li>Stand alone refrigerator</li> <li>Dormitory style refrigerator/freezer</li> <li>Combined refrigerator/freezer with separate refrigerator and freezer doors (e.g. household style appliance)</li> <li>Combined refrigerator/freezer with a single door</li> </ol>	Option 1,4	Option 2,3,5

#	Question	Response Options	Acceptable	Unacceptable- Requires Corrective Action in #36
13	What type of refrigeration unit is used to store all other vaccines (except varicella)? (check all that apply)	<ol> <li>Stand alone freezer</li> <li>Stand alone refrigerator</li> <li>Dormitory style refrigerator/freezer</li> <li>Combined refrigerator/freezer with separate refrigerator and freezer doors (e.g. household style appliance)</li> <li>Combined refrigerator/freezer with a single door</li> </ol>	Option 2,3,4,5	Options 1
14	Are working thermometers placed in a central area of each refrigerator and freezer?	<ol> <li>Yes</li> <li>Have thermometer but not placed properly</li> <li>No thermometer</li> </ol>	Option 1	Options 2, 3
15b	Are the thermometers checked in 15(A) certified (check all that apply)?	1. Yes 2. No	Option 1	Option 2 (educate provider)
16	How often are refrigerator and freezer temperatures recorded (check all that apply)?	<ol> <li>Once a day</li> <li>Less than once a day</li> <li>Twice a day</li> <li>More than twice a day</li> </ol>	Options 3, 4	Options 1,2
18	During past 3 months, how many times were the temperatures outside the recommended range?		0 or blank	anything greater than 0
22	Are current temperatures within the guidelines according to the reviewer's thermometer? (Refrigerator: 2-8°C / 35-46°F, Freezer: -15°C / 5°F or lower)	1. Yes 2. No	Yes	No
24	Are vaccines stored in the doors of the refrigerator and freezer?	1. Yes 2. No	No	Yes
29	Are short-dated vaccines stored in front and used first, rotating stock effectively?	1. Yes 2. No	Yes	No
30	How does the provider distinguish privately purchased vaccine from publicly purchased vaccine?	<ol> <li>Uses Immunization Information System/Registry</li> <li>Physically separates public vaccine from private vaccine</li> <li>Other method (please specify)</li> <li>Does not separate public vaccine from private vaccine</li> </ol>	Options 1, 2, 3	Option 4

## **SECTION II. Standards for Pediatric & Adolescent Immunization Practices (Optional)**

#### Vaccine Administrative Policy

- How does the clinic/practice offer immunization services to patients? (Check all that apply) 1.
  - ? During well-child visits
  - ? During well-child visits? Immunization-only appointments
  - ? Walk-in immunizations

? Off-site immunizations

? Dedicated days/times for immunizations

- ? Other (specify)
- 2. Is an office visit fee charged in addition to any vaccine administration fees? ? Yes ? No If yes, what is the amount of the office visit fee?
- 3. Is a physical exam required before immunizations are given? ? Yes ? No

Assessment of Vaccination Delivery

4. Does the clinic/practice routinely immunize when the child has:

	Yes	No	Situational
A "cold"	?	?	?
Low grade fever (e.g. 100.4°F [38°C] or lower)	?	?	?
Recently been exposed to infectious illness	?	?	?
Mild diarrhea	?	?	?
Convalescing from an acute illness	?	?	?

Effective Communication about Vaccine Benefits and Risks

5. Does the clinic/practice staff know how to obtain foreign-language Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) for patients/families whose first language is not English?

? Yes ? No

Proper Storage and Administration of Vaccines and Documentation of Vaccinations

6. Does the clinic/practice have a current copy of the following documents?

	Yes	No
Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule	?	?
Revised Standards for Child and Adolescent Immunization Practices	?	?
Contraindications for Childhood Immunization	?	?
Vaccine Management: Recommendations for Handling & Storage of Selected Biologicals	?	?

- 7. Are up-to-date, written vaccination protocols accessible at all locations where vaccines are administered? ? Yes ? No (Ask to see a copy.)
- 8. Who gives immunization injections? (Check all that apply) ? MD ? NP ? PA ? RN ? I VN ? I PN ? MA

- 9. How do persons who administer vaccines and staff who manage or support vaccine administration receive ongoing education regarding immunization? (Check all that apply.)
  - ? No ongoing training

? In-house training by health dept./professional organization at least once a year

? Off-site conferences or workshops at least once a

- ? In-house training by staff at least once a year
- ? Other (specify)

? Web-based training

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- 10. Does the practice document ongoing education regarding immunization for persons who administer vaccines and staff who manage or support vaccine administration?
  - ? Yes ? No
- 11. Does the clinic/practice simultaneously administer all vaccines for which the child is eligible? ? Yes ? No
- 12. What size needles are generally used for intramuscular injections? ? Other (specify)
  - ? 1 " (inch) ? 5/8 " (inch) ? 7/8 " (inch)
    - ? Depends on age
- 13. Does the clinic/practice pre-fill syringes? ? Yes ? No
- 14. Does the clinic/practice have VAERS forms and know how to report to VAERS? ? Yes ? No
- 15. Does the clinic/practice require staff who have contact with patients to be immunized or show proof of immunity against the following vaccine -preventable diseases? (Check all that apply)
  - ? None required ? Measles/Mumps/Rubella ? Hepatitis B
  - ? Hepatitis A ? Varicella
  - ? Td ? Other (specify)
- Implementation of Strategies to Improve Vaccination Coverage
  - 16. How does the clinic/practice remind patients of their next appointment? (Check all that apply)
    - ? Mail
- ? Written appointment slip given at last visit? Does not remind patients of part and patients.
- ? Telephone ? Does not remind patients of next appointment
- ? Verbally at last visit
- ? Other (specify)
- 17. How does the clinic/practice contact patients who miss their appointments? (Check all that apply)
  - ? Mail

? Does not contact patients who miss their appointments

? Influenza

- ? Telephone
- ? Other (specify)\_\_\_\_\_

- 18. How does the clinic/practice identify patients if no appointment is made and immunizations are due/overdue? (Check all that apply)
  - ? Cannot identify patients due/overdue for immunizations? Computer (office-based, not connected to a registry)
- ? Immunization registry

? No regular schedule

? Paper-based "tickler" system

- ? Other (specify)
- 19. How frequently does the clinic/practice generate reminder/recall notices (or phone calls) to patients who are due/overdue for a vaccination? (Check all that apply)
  - ? Weekly ? Monthly ? Quarterly
  - ? Clinic/practice does not distribute recall notices to patients
- 20. Is an office- or clinic-based patient record review and vaccination coverage assessment performed at least once a year (check all that apply)?
  - ? Yes ? No
  - If Yes, ? By practice staff
    - ? By immunization/VFC program
    - ? By other external reviewer

When was the most recent office- or clinic-based patient record review and vaccination coverage assessment?

Date:

- 21. Does the practice/clinic participate in an immunization registry? ? Yes ? No
- 22. What community-based approaches does the clinic/practice use to increase immunization coverage? (Check all that apply)
  - ? No community-based approaches used
  - ? Provides off-site immunization services
  - ? Partners schools/school nurses

- ? Participates in health fairs
- ? Conducts community-based outreach/education
- ? Other (specify)