

# Changes to the VFC Program Overview



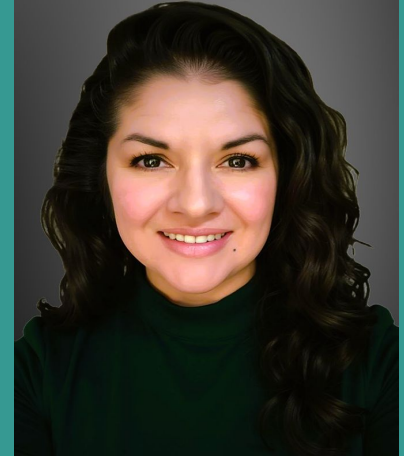
# Welcome!



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# Agenda

- 12:00 Welcome & Introductions
- 12:05 New Cooperative Agreement
- 12:10 VFC Policy Changes/Updates 
- 12:30 Phoenix Providers Transition
  - ADHS/BIZS support
- 12:50 Q&A



# Immunization Cooperative Agreement

- Strengthening Vaccine-Preventable Disease Prevention and Response
- New Jurisdiction- City of Phoenix
- Received Notice of Award (NOA) July 1
  - Starts new 5-year cycle



# Welcome, Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH)

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- BIZS would like to welcome our Maricopa colleagues.
- Later in our presentation, we will share more details about the changes to the VFC Program and our collaborative plan to implement the transfer of Phoenix VFC providers to MCDPH.





# VFC Policy Changes

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Policy Areas the BIZS Team will be updating in the VFC Operations Guide

# Vaccine Management (Module 3)

## Private Stock

### Current VFC Policy

Providers that serve any non-VFC eligible population based on their provider profile **must maintain** a separate vaccine inventory to vaccinate their non-VFC eligible population.

### VFC Updated Policy Changes

- The VFC Program **is not** requiring VFC providers to maintain a full stock of all ACIP-recommended vaccines for non-VFC-eligible patients, **if they do not plan** to offer all ACIP-recommended vaccines to this population.

***\*Note: If a VFC provider does not carry privately purchased stock, they are not permitted to use VFC stock or borrow VFC stock for non-VFC-eligible patients.***

# Vaccine Management Activities and Reporting Continued (Module 6)

## Bidirectional Borrowing

### Current VFC Policy

#### **Bidirectional Borrowing during the 2024-2025**

#### **Respiratory Virus Season:**

Allowed for VFC providers who maintain private stocks of COVID-19 vaccines or RSV monoclonal antibody products (e.g. nirsevimab).

### VFC Updated Policy Changes

- The information in the [Addendum: Special Considerations for COVID-19 vaccine and Nirsevimab](#) expired on June 30, 2025.
- Bidirectional borrowing for the 2025-2026 respiratory virus season, COVID-19 vaccines, and RSV monoclonal antibody products (e.g., nirsevimab) **is no longer permitted**.



# Vaccine Ordering (Module 7)

## VFC Stock and COVID-19 Vaccine

### Current VFC Policy

Providers must order all ACIP-recommended vaccines for their VFC-eligible population (e.g., COVID-19, influenza) and immunizations (e.g., Nirsevimab).

### VFC Updated Policy Changes

- **Exception:** COVID-19 vaccines may be excluded from a VFC provider VFC stock given the unique circumstance of COVID-19 vaccination.
- Enrolled VFC providers who do not stock COVID-19 vaccines must be prepared to refer eligible children to locations that offer COVID-19 vaccines.

# Universal Hepatitis B Birth Dose

## **Current VFC Policy**

VFC-enrolled birthing hospitals can vaccinate all infants, regardless of insurance status, with Arizona VFC Program supplied Hepatitis B birth dose and HBIG.

## **VFC Updated Policy Changes**

- The newborn will need to meet VFC-eligible Program eligibility.
  - AHCCCS (Medicaid) – eligible Financial class code – V02
  - Uninsured Financial class code – V03
  - American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN) Financial class code – V04

# VFC-Eligibility criteria for Hep B in the Hospital Setting

VFC Eligibility Criteria	Definition
<b>Not VFC Eligible</b> Financial class code – V01	Newborns' private insurance covers all ACIP-recommended vaccines
<b>VFC Eligible</b> AHCCCS (Medicaid) – eligible Financial class code – V02	Newborns who are eligible for the state AHCCCS (Medicaid) program
<b>VFC Eligible</b> Uninsured Financial class code – V03	Newborns not covered by any health insurance plan
<b>VFC Eligible</b> American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN) Financial class code – V04	This population is defined by the <a href="#">Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603)</a> . (AI/AN children are VFC-eligible under any circumstance)

New Staff In-Service (NSIS) educational training is available through BIZS to answer any further questions you may have about the updated policy change. To schedule a training, please send an email to [ArizonaVFC@azdhs.gov](mailto:ArizonaVFC@azdhs.gov) with "NSIS" in the subject line.

# RSV and Monoclonal Antibodies

- VFC Pediatric Maternal RSV Vaccine Is Now Available to Order in ASIIS. The Order Set can be found in ASIIS VOMS as “RSV/NIRSEVIMAB - VFC.”
- To help facilitate the allocation of adequate doses of Nirsevimab among our highest-risk children, **IHS VFC providers can place their orders starting Friday, 08/01/2025. Ordering will be open to all VFC providers on 08/18/2025.**
- VFC providers may place **one order** every 2 weeks. *If you have special circumstances and need additional doses please contact [Arizonavfc@azdhs.gov](mailto:Arizonavfc@azdhs.gov).*
- Another long-acting RSV monoclonal antibody (mAB) from Merck ([Clesrovimab](#)) was licensed on 6/9/2025, but it is currently not on our VFC Contract. More information will be shared when available.

2025-2026 Threshold Awardee Table

Awardee		Aug 4 - Aug 18 Threshold	Sep 2 - Nov 24 Threshold	Dec 8 - Mar 16 Threshold
		Top-offs: 8/4, 8/18	Top-offs: 9/2*, 9/15, 9/29, 10/14*, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24	Top-offs: 12/8, 12/22, 1/5, 1/20*, 2/2, 2/17*, 3/2, 3/16
Arizona	50mg	1,985	2,515	1,985
Arizona	100mg	1,935	2,450	1,130

\*Tuesday Top-off Due to Monday Federal Holiday

# VFC-Operations Guide

- The BIZS is currently working on an updated Arizona VFC-Program Operations Guide.
- Anticipated release will be September 2025.

## Arizona Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program




## Operations Guide



# Immunization Program Feedback Survey

- Provides a valuable opportunity to gather your insights and experiences to enhance the Immunization Program
- By sharing your thoughts, you play a vital role in shaping our program
- The [Immunization Program Feedback Survey](#) link can be found on the Arizona Immunization Program *Contact Us* webpage

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## Immunization Program Feedback

Please complete the survey below.

Si desea completar esta encuesta en español, haga clic en el ícono del globo [English](#) en la esquina superior derecha para cambiar el idioma.

First Name

\* must provide value

Last Name

\* must provide value

Please select the category that best describes the type of feedback you are providing.

\* must provide value

If you spoke to someone on the phone, please provide the ticket number and/or name of the individual with whom you spoke to.

Feedback Details (please provide as many details as possible regarding your feedback, including the date).

\* must provide value

Expand

Would you like to be contacted regarding your feedback?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Date

\* must provide value

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# The Immunization Project Enhancements Timeline

- Designed to provide an overview of the current status of various projects that the Bureau is actively developing and their anticipated completion dates
- Aims to enhance transparency and keep all stakeholders informed about our advancements in immunization programmatic efforts
- The [Immunization Project Enhancements Timeline](#) can be found on the Arizona Immunization Program webpage and on the [Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) - Operations Guide and Resources webpage](#).

Immunization Project Enhancements

Bureau of Immunization Services (BIZS)

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Ongoing projects

Project		Status											
		2024 Qtr 3		2024 Qtr 4			2025 Qtr 1			2025 Qtr 2			
Project Name	Est. Launch Date	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Vaccine Borrowing Report	Jun.2025	Development			Testing								
VFC Inactivation	Ju.2025	Development			Testing								
VFC Site Visit Survey	Jun.2025	Testing											

Projects in Production

Project Name	Date Launched	Public Survey Link
Immunization Forms Order Request Form	Oct. 2024	<a href="https://redcap.link/azizorder">https://redcap.link/azizorder</a>
Arizona Immunization Provider Report Suite	Aug. 2024	Survey link is unique to the provider <a href="#">click here to view a record</a> Survey Code is BIZS
Re-enrollment 2025	May 2025	The VFC re-enrollment process will close on August 31, 2025. <a href="https://redcap.link/reenrollment2025">https://redcap.link/reenrollment2025</a>
Yellow Fever Application	Jan. 2024	<a href="https://redcap.lpo.azdhs.gov/surveys/?s=MYHCMDWCAL777XIE">https://redcap.lpo.azdhs.gov/surveys/?s=MYHCMDWCAL777XIE</a>

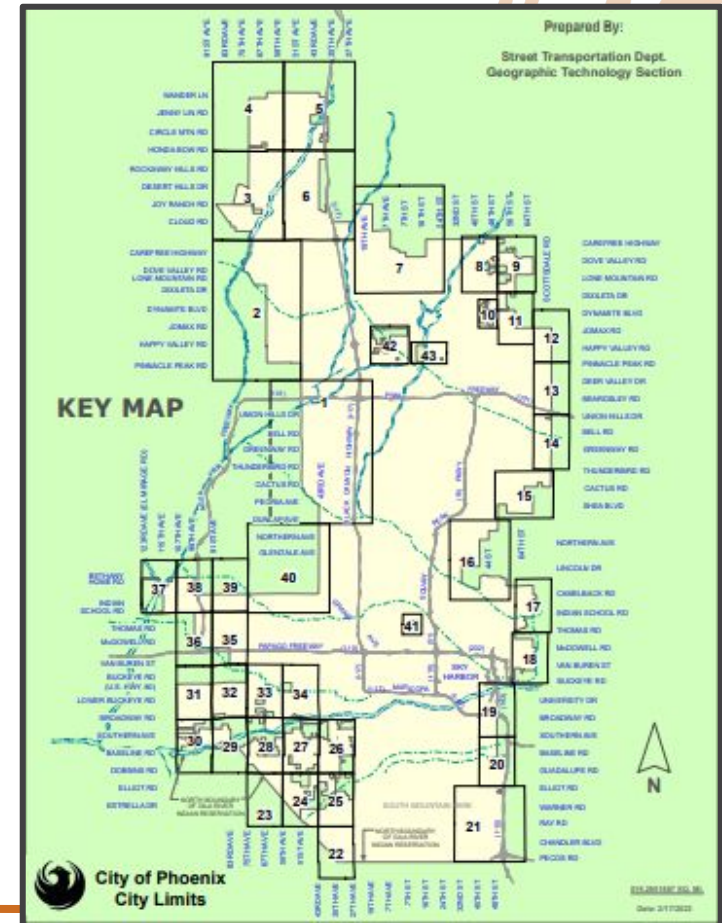


# Phoenix VFC Providers Transition



# Phoenix Jurisdiction Boundaries

- VFC-Providers that operate within the boundaries of Phoenix will fall under the MCDPH Jurisdiction.
- ADHS/BIZS will continue to support Phoenix VFC-Providers during this transition.



# Key Updates

- The 2025-2026 VFC Re-enrollment Process will conclude on August 31, 2025.
  - This transition will not impact Re-enrollment
- Vaccine Transfers
  - [Transfer requests](#) must be approved by the BIZS in ASIIS BEFORE transport can take place.
    - Vaccine transfers will only be approved within your jurisdiction.
- Vaccine transfer procedures during an emergency will remain unchanged.



# Upcoming Changes and Communication

- BIZS will be working on a transition with Maricopa County over the coming months and further updates will be provided via RedCap email or Granicus.
- Joint messaging: future communications on VFC will incorporate Maricopa and ADHS where appropriate.





# Q&A



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Thank you