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## Vaccines for Children Program Resumes Coverage of Tetanus Vaccine

Earlier in 2005, the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program resumed coverage of the tetanus vaccine. Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse providers for the administration component only when the tetanus vaccine is billed for recipients ages 7 to 19.

### Recipients Ages 7 to 19

The VFC Program resumed coverage of the tetanus vaccine (90718 — Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids [Td] adsorbed for use in individuals 7 years or older, for intramuscular use). Since the VFC Program supplies the vaccine free of charge, Wisconsin Medicaid will no longer reimburse providers for the vaccine component of *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) procedure code 90718 for dates of service on and after April 1, 2005. Providers will be reimbursed for the administration component only when billing CPT code 90718 for recipients ages 7 to 19.

For vaccines supplied by the VFC Program, providers are required to use the actual vaccine procedure code instead of an administration-only code (e.g., 90471) so that Wisconsin Medicaid can identify the vaccines being given.

### Recipients Older than Age 19

For recipients older than age 19, Wisconsin Medicaid will continue to reimburse providers for both the vaccine component as well as the administration component using only CPT code 90718.

### Recipients Younger than Age 7

The diphtheria vaccine (90702 — Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids [DT] adsorbed for use in individuals younger than 7 years, for intramuscular use) continues to be unavailable through the VFC Program. Therefore, Wisconsin Medicaid will continue to reimburse providers for both the vaccine component as well as the administration component when submitting claims with CPT code 90702.

### For More Information

For more information about the Wisconsin Immunization Program and the VFC Program, refer to the Wisconsin Immunization Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/) or contact the Wisconsin Immunization Program at (608) 266-1506. For questions about claims submission, providers may contact Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883.

## Information Regarding Medicaid HMOs

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* contains Medicaid fee-for-service policy and applies to providers of services to recipients on fee-for-service Medicaid only. For Medicaid HMO or managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/).

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