

Can my child get free or low cost shots?

The Minnesota Vaccines for Children Program (MnVFC) offers free or low cost shots for **children 18 years of age and younger**. Answer the questions below to find out if your child is eligible.

Your child is eligible to receive free or low cost shots from MnVFC if you checked any of the boxes from questions 1-6 below (check all that apply). Please share this form with your doctor or clinic.

1. **My child doesn't have health insurance (is uninsured).**
2. **My child is on a Minnesota Health Care Program such as:**
 - Medical Assistance
 - Minnesota Care
 - Prepaid Medical Assistance Plan
3. **My child is American Indian or Alaskan native.**
4. **My child has health insurance, but it doesn't cover the cost of all shots (immunizations).**

The shots not covered by your insurance can be provided by MnVFC either free or at a low cost.
5. **My child has health insurance, but it has a "cap" AND we have reached the cap for this year.**

A "cap" means your insurance only pays for shots up to a certain dollar amount ("cap") each year. Your child is eligible for MnVFC once the cap is reached.
6. **My child has health insurance, but it has an "annual deductible" AND we have NOT paid the annual deductible.**

*An "annual deductible" means your insurance only pays for shots **AFTER** you have paid a certain annual dollar amount ("annual deductible"). Your child is eligible for MnVFC until the annual deductible has been paid.*

What if I didn't check any of the boxes above? Answer these questions:

- My child has insurance that covers the cost of all shots.**
 - *Your insurance already covers the cost of shots.*
- I don't know what my insurance covers.**
 - *Call and ask your insurance company if you don't know. The number is on the back of your insurance card.*

Tips:

- You can also check with your city or county health department for free or low cost shots.
- If you receive a bill from your clinic with a charge for shots (immunizations) and you think your child is eligible for MnVFC, call your clinic's billing office to discuss the charge. The phone number is on your bill.