

Every year, we have many children who start school without their required immunizations up to date. It is important that our South Carolina children are protected from diseases that vaccines protect against, like measles, mumps and whooping cough. Don't wait to make an appointment to get your child vaccinated, appointments fill up in July and August, call your health care provider or health department now!

Please don't let cost be a barrier to getting your child vaccinated. We would like to take this time to make you aware of the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. This program provides vaccines to eligible children ages 0-18 years. All vaccines required for child care and school in South Carolina are available in this program.

Children ages 0-18 years who are eligible for the VFC Program include:

- Any child with Medicaid
- Any child who is uninsured (no health insurance)
- Any American Indian/Alaska Native child

Vaccines in this program are available at many locations in the state, including DHEC health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Rural Health Clinics (RHC) and many private provider offices. **Children who are eligible for VFC vaccines do not get charged for the cost of the vaccine.** Medicaid is billed for office visit costs or administration fees. To schedule an appointment at your local DHEC health department for immunizations, call 1-855-472-3432.

To help your child find a medical home, where he or she can get medical care and needed immunizations, below is a list of current health care providers who are enrolled in the Vaccines for Children program in Marion County. Please note, this list is for informational purposes only, you will need to contact the office to see if they are accepting new patients.

Any questions may be directed to DHEC's Immunization Division at 800-277-4687 or <u>immunize@dhec.sc.gov</u> Thank you for allowing our DHEC family to care for your family.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. White, MHA Director, Division of Immunization

Health Care Partners of SC, Inc. Marion	145 Palmetto Pointe Road	Marion	29571	(843)423-2400
Marion County Health Department	206 Airport Court	Mullins	29574	843-423-8295
Marion Pediatrics	2845 E HWY 76	Mullins	29574	843-431-2720

Marion County Vaccine for Children Provider Offices