

Childhood Vaccine Program

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Childhood Vaccine Program Benefits for Hospitals

The Childhood Vaccine Program (CVP) provides all routine vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) at no cost to participating healthcare providers.

Birthing hospitals, newborn nurseries, and Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) play a critical role in ensuring newborns are protected against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Administering RSV vaccination in the birthing hospital before discharge is a critical way of ensuring protection against RSV infection for uninsured or underinsured infants who may be less likely to have a well-child visit within the first week of life, especially for newborns who have had prolonged hospitalizations related to prematurity or other causes.

For infants born in the continental United States between the months of October – March, the ACIP recommends one dose of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) immunization [i.e., Beyfortus™] at or within 1 week of birth if the mother did not receive RSV vaccination OR mother's RSV vaccination status is unknown OR if the mother received RSV vaccine less than 14 days prior to delivery.

For more information on nirsevimab recommendations, please visit [RSV Immunization Guidance for Infants and Young Children | RSV | CDC](#).

CVP Enrollment

Birthing hospitals, nurseries, and NICUs may enroll in the CVP as 'Specialty Providers' if approved by the program.

- **Specialty Providers** are providers who offer limited care in a specialized environment or for a specific age group within the general population of children aged 0-18 years (e.g. pharmacy or urgent cares offering just influenza and/or COVID-19 vaccines or birthing hospitals offering only nirsevimab and hepatitis B vaccination birth dose.)

The CVP has flexible storage unit and temperature monitoring requirements. For specific CVP storage and handling requirements, please review the [Vaccine Storage and Handling](#) DOH web page.

To enroll in CVP, please review and complete the steps in the [Provider New Enrollment Checklist](#). Additional enrollment information can be found on the [Provider Enrollment for the Childhood Vaccine Program](#) DOH web page.

Questions? Contact WACHildhoodVaccines@doh.wa.gov or (360) 236-2829.