



# MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT

Pennsylvania Vaccines for Children Program  
Update

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## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers that the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) no longer contracts with Electronic Data Systems (EDS) to provide services for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program.

## SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all Medical Assistance (MA) providers who are authorized to administer immunizations to MA recipients and participate in the DOH VFC Program.

## BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

MA Bulletin # 01-00-10, issued November 15, 2000, stated that the DOH contracted with EDS to administer the VFC Program. Please note this information is no longer applicable. As stated in a June 12, 2006, letter from the DOH to VFC providers, EDS no longer administers the VFC Program for the DOH. As such, beginning July 3, 2006, providers were instructed to contact the DOH directly for services provided by the VFC Program.

## PROCEDURE:

For specific procedure and contact information for ordering vaccines, to enroll in the VFC Program or for inquiries about any other VFC-related activity, please refer to the information

\*01-06-11, 08-06-17, 09-06-17, 31-06-23, 33-06-06

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at [www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap)

detailed in the June 12, 2006, letter from the DOH or you may log onto the DOH website at <http://www.health.state.pa.us>. If there are any questions related to this information, please contact the DOH's Division of Immunizations.

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