



Florida Vaccines for Children Program Breaking News Vaccine Management Business Improvement Project

What is it?

The Vaccine Management Business Improvement Project, VMBIP, is being launched by the The National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) in order to streamline vaccine management activities at the federal, state, and local level.

Some of the project's major components include:

- Ordering and distribution
- Vaccine stockpile
- Information systems
- Vaccine management and accountability.

These components will be phased-in over time. In its initial phase, the project will:

- Centralize inventory in just two or three vaccine distributors across the US.
- Consolidate distribution of publicly purchased vaccine.

Centralized vaccine distribution started as early as 2006 in some areas of the country. Florida will be one of the last states to implement VMBIP.

What does this mean for you?

The Florida Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program will continue to be the main point of contact for vaccine ordering, distribution and management issues.

Vaccine orders will continue to be submitted to the VFC Program for review and approval.

Vaccine orders will be submitted individually by each provider or clinic



Vaccine will be shipped directly to your clinic from centralized distributor.

The Bureau of State Pharmacy warehouse will no longer stock VFC vaccines.

The benefits.

Overall benefits:

- Simplified processes for vaccine ordering, distribution, and management
- Reduced lead time between vaccine ordering and delivery
- Improved vaccine accountability

Creation of a vaccine "Stockpile" that will improve response to public health crises related to disease outbreaks, vaccine shortages, and disruption of vaccine supply.

For you, it means improved efficiency:

- Quicker turnaround on shipments
- You will receive vaccine directly at your door step!

We'll keep you informed as more details become available. Visit our website at: www.immunizeflorida.org/vfc/ for more information.

In the meantime... business as usual!

Improving Vaccine Management and Delivery!

