

# 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.

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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
  - General Assistance Medical Care 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.