



## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING IMMUNIZATIONS

### PLEASE READ

**Effective January 1, 2012**

Vaccines For Children Program (VFC) Update:

Until now, the Arizona Vaccine Center has been able to allow us to vaccinate children who have health insurance with a high deductible and allow children over the age of 19 to complete a vaccine series as they were considered to be underinsured. Beginning January 1, 2012 these children are considered insured NOT underinsured and will no longer qualify for the VFC program. Arizona State no longer has sufficient federal and state funding to cover the insured children or the children over the age of 19.

As of January 1, 2012, the only patients eligible for the VFC program will be those who have NO insurance or NO immunization coverage or have an annual monetary cap that has been met. It is hoped that once the national economy improves and government agencies are adequately funded that the VFC program will return to its previous levels of providing vaccines.

We understand this may become a financial burden for those with high deductibles or well care limitations on their policy and we will make every attempt to help you through it. If this is your situation please contact our billing department.

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