

Wasted Vaccine Return Procedure

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The Kansas Immunization Program has established a procedure for the handling and return of wasted vaccines received through the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC). According to the terms of the provider contract and stipulations of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, covered vaccines which cannot be administered because of improper refrigerator or freezer storage, improper handling during shipment, destruction, expiration, or any other event which results in the return of the vaccine to the manufacturer (other than for resale) will be eligible for a Federal excise tax credit. These excise tax credits are monies returned to the federal VFC program to purchase more vaccines. This procedure is applicable only to vaccines that are purchased with VFC, State or 317 Program funds.

VFC providers shall not destroy wasted or expired vaccines but shall return them to McKesson Distribution Center for return to the appropriate manufactures. These vaccines may be returned to McKesson packed in a box or one of the foam shipping containers the provider received their vaccine shipment in.

1. The provider calls KIP at 785-296-5591; or emails at: vaccine@kdheks.gov to request a wasted/expired vaccine pick-up.
2. KIP notifies McKesson of this request.
3. McKesson will contact the provider to notify them of the date of the pick-up.
4. The McKesson shipper will bring the post-paid shipping label with them when they pick up the vaccine.
5. Please have the vaccine packed prior to the carrier pick-up.
6. Place one copy of the Wasted Vaccine Return Form in the container with the returned vaccines and send one copy to KIP at:
www.vaccine@kdheks.gov or fax to: 785-296-6510.
{Note: The Wasted Vaccine Form is to be included with the provider's monthly immunization and temperature reports and sent to the program by the 10th of the month following service.}

Exceptions to returned vaccines are:

- 1) Vaccine which was drawn up in a syringe for administration;
- 2) Broken vials; pre-filled syringes with needles attached;
- 3) Open multi-dose vials. (see attached)
- 4) Mark these types of wasted vaccines on the Wasted Vaccine Return Form and count them on your MIR or WebIZ reconciliation but do not return them.

Vaccine storage and handling, including opening shipments as soon as they are received, is critical to maintaining the viability of the vaccines. Provider must open vaccine shipments immediately upon arrival:

- a. Compare the packing list with the vaccines in the container;
- b. Check the ColdMark to be sure the temperatures are in range;

- c. Store the vaccines immediately in the correct storage unit.
- d. If there are any shipping issues or if the temperatures are not within range, contact McKesson within 2 hours of the time you sign the receipt for the shipment.
- e. Contact KIP if there are any compromised vaccines.
- f. Remember you must store the vaccines in the correct cold storage unit even if they are compromised. Contact McKesson at: 877-836-7213 or KIP at 785-296-5591.

If the vaccine is determined to be nonviable at the time of delivery, you must contact McKesson within 2 business days to arrange pick-up of the product and the ColdMark temperature monitor for return to McKesson Distributor. Failure to return vaccines in a timely fashion could be construed as fraud by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. McKesson will ship a replacement order to you if these timelines are followed.