

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**Cape Girardeau County Health Department DBA
Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center Rural Health Clinic (1996)**

AND

**City of Columbia on behalf of the
Columbia-Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services**

AND

**State of Missouri on behalf of the
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)**

FOR

**Deputizing and Oversight of Local Public Health Agencies to Provide Vaccines for
Children (VFC) Purchased Vaccine to Entitled Underinsured Children**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Health and Human Services have issued guidance regarding deputization by Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) of other VFC providers in their state to authorize those providers to immunize the federally vaccine-eligible children category of underinsured children.

Background:

In many states, the capacity of FQHC/RHCs to serve underinsured children is not sufficient to meet the need of underinsured children entitled to VFC vaccine. Until underinsurance among children is eliminated by full implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), extending VFC authority to other VFC providers serves as a bridging mechanism by which underinsured children will have increased access to VFC vaccine at additional provider sites.

In conformance with VFC Deputization Guidance dated April 30, 2012, and as may be revised,

1. The undersigned **Federally Qualified Health Centers/Rural Health Clinics** hereby confer authority to (i.e., deputize) the VFC providers listed in Appendix A to serve as their

agents in immunizing federally vaccine-eligible children who are underinsured as defined under subsection 1928(b)(2)(A)(iii) of the Social Security Act, with the understanding that –

- a. such other VFC providers have been identified by the undersigned VFC awardee, DHSS, and approved by the CDC for such designation;
 - b. the VFC awardee, DHSS, and CDC retain their respective responsibilities for oversight of all VFC operations by such deputized VFC providers, including oversight of their roles in immunizing underinsured children;
 - c. federally purchased vaccine for use by deputized VFC providers in immunizing underinsured children is provided directly by CDC's vaccine distribution system to the deputized providers;
 - d. the VFC awardee, DHSS, and/or CDC may remove any deputized VFC provider from Appendix A in their roles of VFC program oversight in which case such provider shall lose deputization status;
 - e. each undersigned FQHC/RHC must comply with the requirements of such VFC Deputization Guidance;
 - f. any undersigned FQHC/RHC may withdraw from this MOU with 90 days written notice to the undersigned VFC awardee, DHSS official; and
 - g. each deputizing FQHC/RHC retains all of its authorities as a VFC provider, including the ability to immunize underinsured children.
2. Each **deputized VFC provider** listed in Appendix A shall comply with the requirements in such VFC Deputization Guidance, this deputization MOU, and with all other applicable VFC program requirements, including –
- a. agreement to vaccinate “walk-in” VFC-eligible underinsured children as defined under subsection 1928(b)(2)(A)(iii) of the Social Security Act;
 - b. screening for VFC eligibility, including for underinsured status, at every visit by any child less than 19 years of age;
 - c. reporting to the VFC awardee, in manner and time as decided by the awardee, all requirements set forth in the guidance;
 - d. compliance with any additional VFC requirements as the VFC awardee, DHSS, or CDC may from time to time impose; and
 - e. reporting to the VFC awardee, DHSS, the total number of doses of vaccine administered to underinsured children in deputized clinics, by age category (age <1, 1-2 years, 3-6 years and 7-18 years old).

We, the undersigned, have read and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this MOU and will retain a copy of this MOU. This MOU shall be in effect for a three-year period beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2023. Either party may terminate this MOU without cause, upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

By: Cape Girardeau County Health Department DBA
Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center Rural Health Clinic (1996)

Director: *Jane Werraman*

Date: 10-22-2020

SKB

By: City of Columbia on behalf of the
Columbia-Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services

City Manager: _____

Attest: _____

Sheela Amin, City Clerk

Date: _____

Approved as to form:

Nancy Thompson, City Counselor *NT*

I hereby acknowledge the responsibilities as delineated above:

State of Missouri on behalf of the
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Division of Administration, Division Director: _____

Date: _____

cc: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Immunization Services Division

APPENDIX A

List of Deputized VFC Providers

**CITY OF COLUMBIA ON BEHALF OF ITS
COLUMBIA-BOONE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
P.O. BOX 6015
1005 WEST WORLEY
COLUMBIA MO 65205**