

## **Cool News: Vermont Department of Health (VDH) Announces a Vaccine Refrigerator/Freezer Rebate**

VDH Immunization Program is pleased to announce a rebate program that will defray the cost of approximately 50 new vaccine refrigerators, freezers or combination units. This offer is open to any practice currently enrolled in Vaccines for Children (VFC) or Vaccines for Adults (VFA) programs sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health. As many took advantage of a recent rebate, we expect this fund will be adequate to honor all requests. But, enroll now to be eligible, and apply soon for your rebate check.

### ***Should I buy a new refrigerator, freezer or combination unit?***

If you answer yes to the following, you should consider buying a new unit.

- Is your vaccine refrigerator very full, even crowded?
- Is it difficult to store vaccines in the center of the unit, avoiding the walls, door, and bins?
- Do you have enough space for vaccine needs year round, including flu season?
- Does your current unit maintain temperature required for vaccine storage in every season?
- Do you avoid providing vaccines that require a freezer?

### ***Must I purchase a commercial or laboratory grade unit?***

- No; these are best, but not required.
- A household-type unit may be purchased.

### ***How do I apply?***

- You must be VFC or VFA enrolled. To download an enrollment form, go to the VDH Immunization webpage: <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/provider.aspx#schedule>
- You can purchase the unit prior to enrollment, as long as you are enrolled when you apply for the rebate.
- Adhere to the required dates detailed on the application. The rebate period may end early if demand exceeds the funds available.
- Purchase a vaccine appropriate appliance that meets the requirements listed in *Vaccine Refrigerator/Freezer Requirements* enclosed with the announcement.)
- Complete the rebate application and submit it to Vermont Medical Society.
- Provide a copy of your receipt or invoice (describing the unit and cost) with the application.
- Meet all application requirements.

### ***What documents go with this announcement?***

- *Application*
- *Refrigerator/Freezer Requirements*

