

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 the Indiana State Department of Health is changing the guidelines for all children's vaccinations at Indiana Health Departments.

Children whose insurance covers vaccinations will no longer be eligible for free vaccinations at the Shelby County Health Department.

This is true even if your insurance has a deductible for vaccinations that you have not met or there is a co-pay requirement for vaccinations. The only exception allowed is if your insurance has a cap on vaccination expenses which you have met.

It is the parent or guardians' responsibility to determine the conditions under which their child's insurance covers vaccinations. Check with your provider. Some insurance plans with deductibles cover preventive care such as vaccinations with no deductible requirement.

In order to receive free vaccinations at the Health Department, the parent or guardian will need to sign a statement at each vaccination appointment declaring that either their child's medical insurance does not cover vaccinations, their child has no medical insurance or their child has Medicaid coverage.

The Shelby County Health Department does not currently offer vaccinations for private purchase. Clients who do not qualify for the Health Department's free vaccinations should contact their health care provider for vaccination services.