

Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program

CDPH Immunization Branch
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VFA Program Overview

- The California Vaccines for Adults (VFA) program was created by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to increase adult vaccination rates and decrease disparities in immunization coverage
- The VFA Program provides no-cost vaccines for uninsured or underinsured adults 19 years of age and older
- The purpose is to integrate the standards for adult immunization practice into routine adult clinical care
 - **ASSESS** immunization status of all adult patients at every visit
 - Strongly **RECOMMEND** vaccines that adult patients need
 - **ADMINISTER** needed vaccines or **REFER** to a provider who can immunize
 - **DOCUMENT** vaccines received by your adult patients

Resource: [VFA Program Overview](#)

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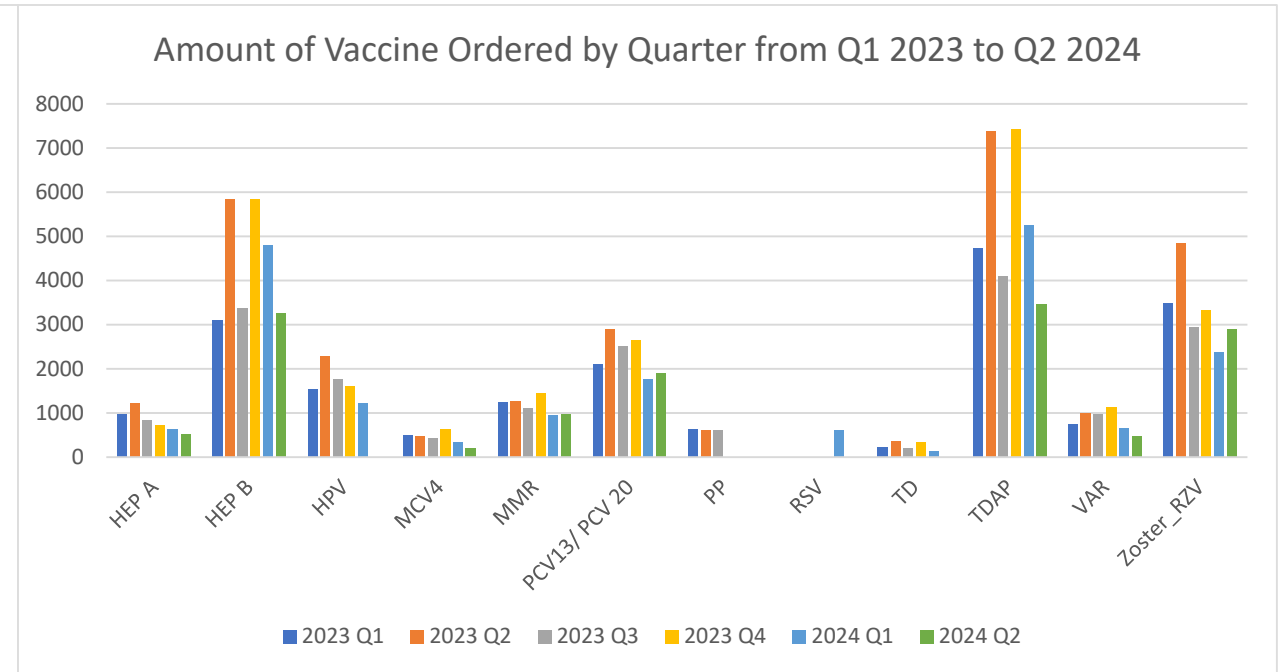
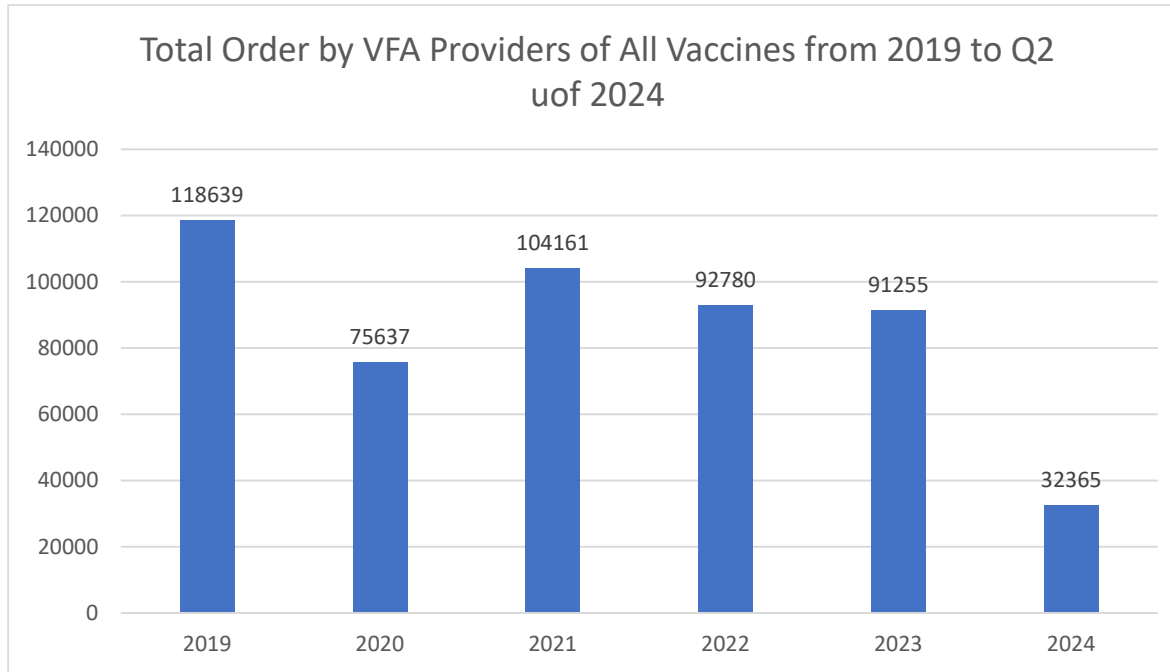
- Expand access to 317-funded vaccines to eligible Community Health Centers (CHCs) in California
 - Federal 317 budget used for VFA Quarterly Provider Orders, 61 Local Health Department Orders and Outbreak Prevention Efforts
- To be eligible to participate in the VFA program, providers must:
 - Have experience providing a safety net for uninsured and underinsured adults
 - Be enrolled in the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) or Healthy Futures
- Total of **540** providers enrolled in the California VFA Program
 - 9 American Indian/Tribal Health Clinics enrolled in VFA
 - Due to the program's limited budget, VFA enrollment is currently closed

VFA Vaccines

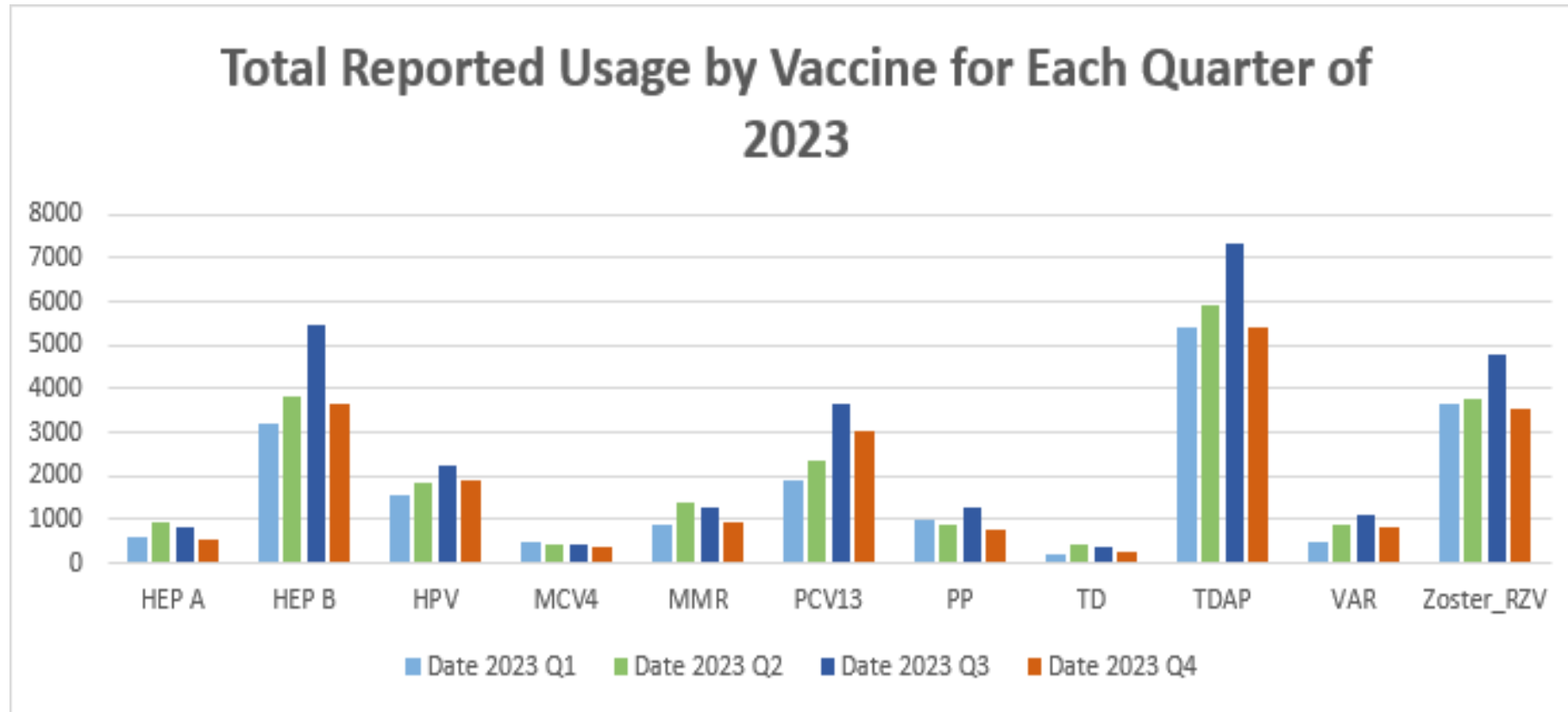
- Most vaccines routinely recommended for adults by the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are available through the program
- Currently enrolled providers place quarterly VFA orders through the **myCAvax** ordering platform and vaccine management system
 - Strategic planning for quarterly orders based on available 317 budget
- Vaccines available thru VFA include:
 - Hep A
 - Hep B
 - MenACWY
 - MMR
 - PCV20
 - Tdap
 - Td ONLY when Tdap is not indicated
 - Varicella
 - Zoster
 - **RSV (when budget permits will available in Fall/Winter months)**



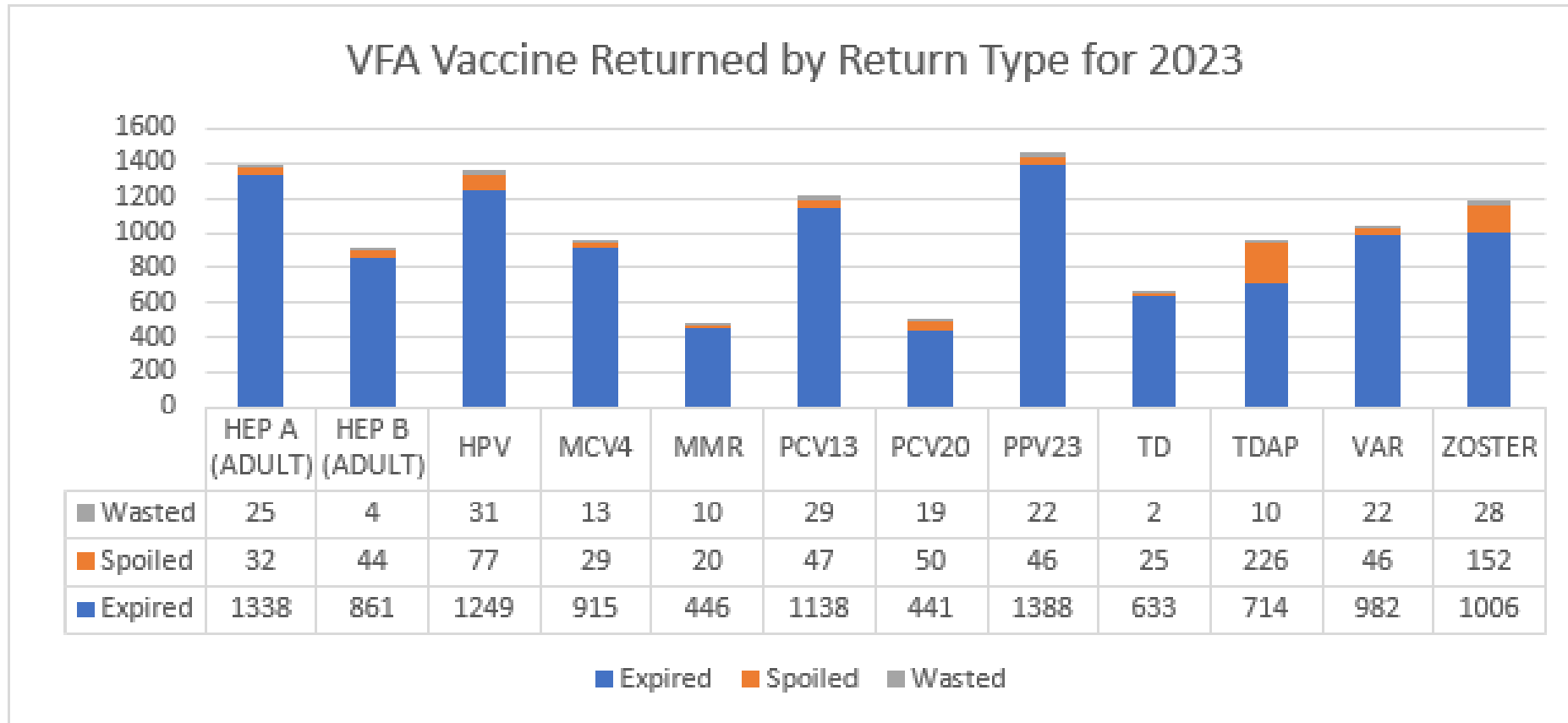
VFA Ordering Data: Doses Ordered



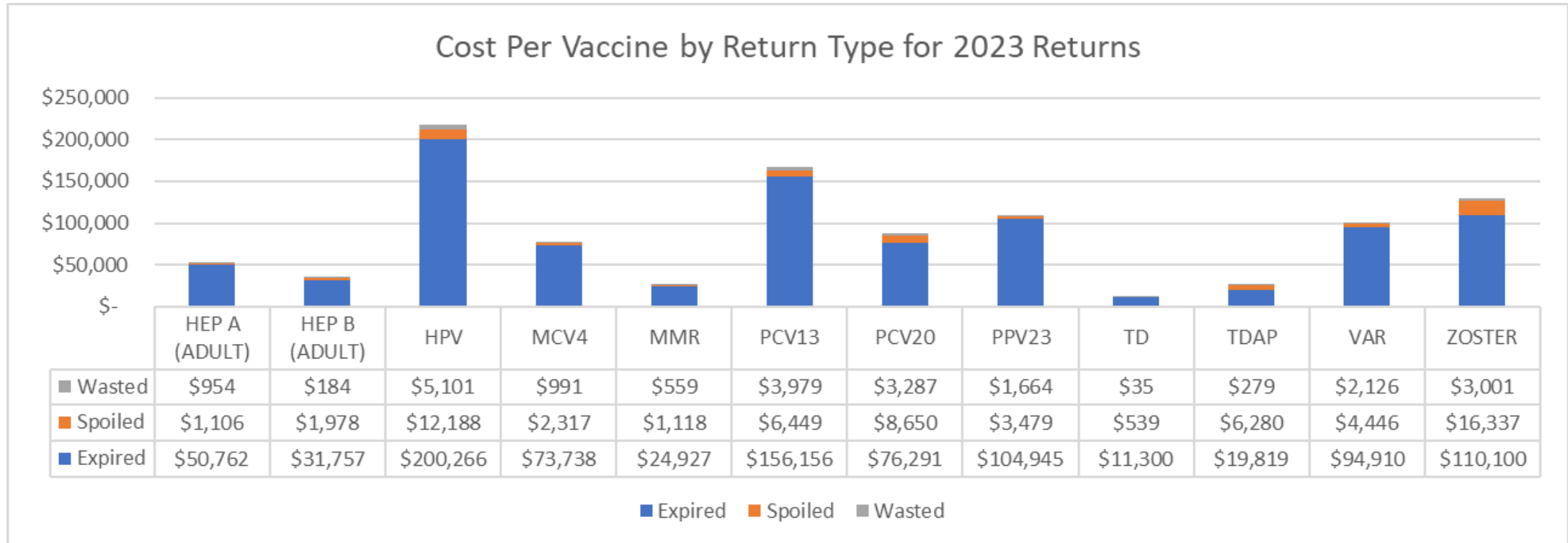
VFA Ordering Data: Doses Administered (Self-Reported)



VFA Ordering Data: Doses Returned



VFA Ordering Data: \$ of Returned Doses



Immunization Information System/ CAIR Data Reports

- **CAIR Documentation Requirement**
 - VFA Providers are required to document in or submit through data exchange, the immunizations given to VFA eligible patients as “317” to the local immunization registry
- **IIS/CAIR Data Reports**
 - 2023 Annual Report, Sent to Providers April 2024
 - Ideally, the number of reported doses administered and the doses in CAIR as “317” should closely match. If that is not the case, this will affect the doses the VFA Program approves for your clinic. Sites should work with their EHR vendor, Local CAIR Representative, and/or CAIR Data Exchange Specialist to identify and resolve issues as soon as possible.
 - [Guidance on 317/VFA CAIR Documentation Requirement](#)

Immunization Information System/ CAIR Data Reports

Vaccine Accountability Requirements

As a Vaccines for Adults (VFA) provider, you are required to document immunizations administered to VFA-eligible patients as "317" doses to the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) or Healthy Futures/ RIDE (which now shares data with CAIR). To help you meet this requirement, we have developed a CAIR immunization report for data from Quarter 1 (Q1) to Quarter 4 (Q4) of 2023 (January – December 2023). Providers must review VFA doses reported in the immunization registry before every VFA order at least every six months to ensure VFA doses administered have been documented accurately. Please use this report to gain insight as to how your practice is submitting 317 doses to the immunization registry. Then, determine next steps to improve data quality and increase the percentage of doses submitted as "317."

What does your CAIR data¹ look like from January through December 2023?

VFA Doses from January – December 2023			
A	B	C	C/B
Doses Ordered	Reported Doses Administered	Doses in CAIR as "317"	% Doses Submitted to CAIR as "317"
64	44	23	52%

Data Interpretation:

Starting on January 1, 2024, the VFA Program requires that doses administered reported with each VFA order are based on doses recorded in CAIR as "317." According to this report, the value in Box B (Reported Doses Administered) should closely match the value in Box C (Doses in CAIR as "317"). If that is not the case, this will affect the doses the VFA Program approves for your clinic during vaccine ordering.

¹Data Limitations:

"Doses Ordered" and "Reported Doses Administered" were obtained from your submitted 317 orders during the Q1 through Q4 2023 VFA order period. The doses in CAIR were administered January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Only doses that were labeled as "317" were counted. Number of doses may vary as the databases are live data and can be updated after the data was extracted.

Determine Your Rating:

Ratings are based on % of target reached:

EXCELLENT: ≥ 90%
VERY GOOD: 71%-89%
GOOD: 51%-70%
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT: ≤ 50%

Excellent: Congratulations! You did an excellent job of submitting doses for Q1 through Q4 2023. Keep up the amazing work!

Good and Very Good: Great job! You submitted most of your doses correctly for Q1 through Q4 2023. Your practice is well-positioned to achieve future excellence. Take steps below to increase accurate data submission.

Needs Improvement: Based on doses reported, you submitted less than 50% of doses accurately for Q1 through Q4 2023. Take steps below to increase accurate data submission.

Steps to Increase the Accuracy of Doses Entered into CAIR or Healthy Futures:

Ensure you are submitting only your site's doses to the registry using the correct IIS ID.

For sites submitting data through Healthy Futures, see contact information below if you have questions.

CAIR data exchange users:

1. Confirm with your EHR vendor that Vaccine Eligibility Category (HL7) code "V07" is correctly mapped.
2. Ensure staff know how to correctly record 317 vaccine eligibility in your EHR for every administered dose.
3. Confirm 317 doses are correctly submitted via data exchange by running a "doses administered" report. Watch this [VFA webinar](#) (at 30 mins. 54 sec), [consult this guide](#) (page 42), and visit [CAIR](#) for additional training.
4. If staff need access to CAIR, request a Data Exchange Quality Assurance (DX QA) account at [CAIR Account Update](#).
5. Contact your [Local Data Exchange Representative](#) if you have further questions.

CAIR manual entry users:

1. If your site uses the CAIR inventory feature, make sure your CAIR Power User selects the "317" "Funding Source" when creating vaccine lots in CAIR. If the "317" funding source is not available to select, contact your [Local CAIR Representative](#).
2. Make sure staff selects "317 Vaccine Eligibility" when recording an administered dose in CAIR. If the 317 Vaccine eligibility is not available to select, contact your [Local CAIR Representative](#).
3. If staff need access to CAIR, have your authorized site representative request new user accounts in the [CAIR Account Update](#) system.
4. For more information about recording 317 doses accurately, watch this [VFA webinar](#) (at 16 mins. 12 sec) and view [these guides and videos](#). Contact your [Local CAIR Representative](#) if you have further questions.

Healthy Future users:

Phone: 209-468-2292
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Email: support@myhealthyfutures.org
URL: <http://www.myhealthyfutures.org>

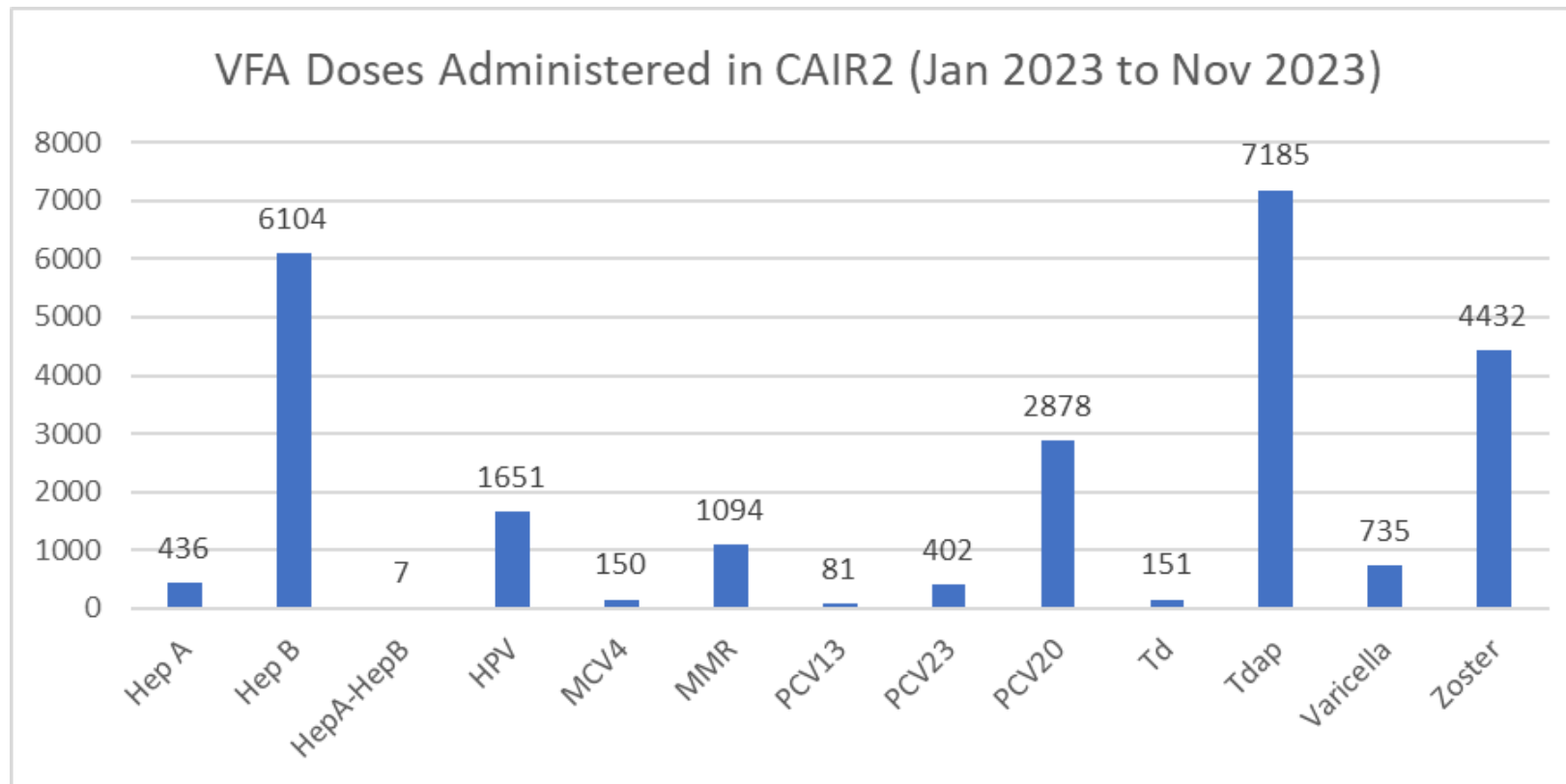
Note: Your next report will be sent in August 2024. This report will include a percentage of total doses administered entered correctly into an immunization registry and a corresponding rating.

References:

- [VFA Provider Agreement](#)
- [VFA Provider Agreement Addendum](#)

VFA Ordering Data: Doses Administered (CAIR Data)

27% of Doses in CAIR2 meet the VFA Requirement For Documentation



VFA Now Live in myCAvax!

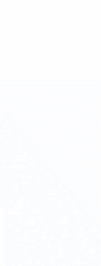
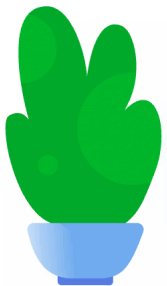


myCAvax Overview

- myCAvax is a platform to help align and manage different CDPH vaccine programs (VFA, SGF, BAP, Outbreak and soon to be added VFC) into one single system.
- myCAvax will be used for providers to place vaccine orders, report vaccine management tasks such as returns/waste, transfers, temperature excursions and shipment incidents
- Some benefits of this transition include:
 - Improved access and security
 - Centralized platform to include all state-funded programs
 - Modernized system to enhance user experience

Finding Support Through System Transition

If you have questions regarding the 317 or VFA program requirements or the myCAvax system, contact the Provider Call Center at (833) 502-1245 or providercallcenter@cdph.ca.gov, Mon–Fri, 8.00 AM – 5.00 PM PT.



VFA Program Updates

- **myCAvax Recertification Deadline –June 15, 2024**
 - Failure to recertify by deadline risk automatic disenrollment from the VFA Program
- **Quarter 3 Ordering, Projected July 2024**
- **VFA Peer to Peer Webinar, Projected July 2024**