Helping Your Adult Clients Pay for Vaccines

Ensuring adults are up-to-date on recommended vaccines is essential to their health and well-being. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires new or updated insurance plans to provide access to vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) with no co-payments or cost-sharing when those services are delivered by an in-network provider. In Michigan, this is known as the Healthy Michigan Plan. Below are some other programs which may assist adult clients in paying for vaccines. Many health plans in Michigan are now covering vaccines at pharmacies for adolescents and adults per ACIP recommendations.

MI-VRP (Michigan Vaccine Replacement Program)
- Publicly funded vaccine program that offers a limited number of vaccines
- For adults ages 19 years and older who have no insurance or who have insurance that doesn’t cover any of the cost of the vaccine
- Provides MMR, Td, Tdap, Hep A, Hep B, HPV9, PCV13, PPSV23, and Zoster vaccines for eligible adults
- Available at: Local Health Departments (LHD), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Migrant Health Centers (MHC) and Tribal Health Centers (THC)
- Adults may be charged a vaccine administration fee determined by the clinic site

High Risk Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B Program
- Publicly funded vaccine program to protect adolescents and adults at increased risk for Hepatitis A or B infection and whose age/dependency status may be a barrier to seeking health care related to these risks
- Must be in a certain risk group for disease to qualify for vaccine
- Types of clinics who may enroll in the program are: LHDs, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) clinics, Teen Health Centers, and Family Planning Clinics
- Persons may be charged a vaccine administration fee determined by the clinic site

Adult Medicaid (ages 19 through 64 years)
- MI Adult Medicaid provides reimbursement to providers who vaccinate eligible adults
- All vaccines routinely recommended on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Adult Immunization Schedule, including Td/Tdap, HPV, Hep A, Hep B, Var, MMR, Zoster, Meningococcal and PCV13/PPSV23 are included
- Providers must use private stock vaccine and bill Medicaid for the cost of the vaccine and the vaccine administration fee
- Medicaid policy allows pharmacies to administer all ACIP-recommended vaccines to individuals 19 years of age and older

Adult Medicare (beginning at age 65 years)
- Medicare Part B
  o Allows for an annual influenza vaccine and two different pneumococcal vaccines (PCV13 and PPSV23)
  o Allows for Hepatitis B vaccine for persons in certain high risk groups and Td for wound care
- Medicare Part D
  - Plans must cover all ACIP routinely recommended vaccines that are not covered under Medicare Part B, following ACA guidelines
  - Check with the insurance plan for specific coverage details
  o For more information: www.cms.gov

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Manufacturer's Vaccine Assistance Programs
- The following is provided for informational purposes only and is not an endorsement of any certain vaccine brand or manufacturer
- For more complete details, contact the manufacturer listed below

Sanofi Pasteur
- Offers a Patient Assistant Program (PAP) for persons 19 years and older who are uninsured or are considered functionally uninsured
- Covers these brands of vaccine: Adacel® (Tdap), Decavac® (Td), Menactra® (MenACWY), Imovax® (Rabies), Imogam® (Rabies Immune Globulin) and Menomune® (MPSV4)
- For more information, call 1-888-847-4877 or visit: www.pparx.org

Merck
- Offers a Vaccine Patient Assistance Program for uninsured adults 19 years and older
- Includes these vaccines: Gardasil® (4vHPV, 9vHPV), MMR®, Varivax® (Var), Zostavax® (Zoster), RecombivaxHB® (HepB), and Pneumovax23® (PPSV23)
- For more information, call 1-800-293-3881 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. EST, Mon – Fri or visit: https://www.pparx.org/prescription_assistance_programs/merck_vaccine_patient_assistance_program

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)
- Offers a Vaccines Access Program which provides adult GSK vaccines to eligible low income patients who do not have third party coverage for vaccines
- Includes five adult vaccines: Cervarix® (HPV2), Twinrix® (HepA/HepB), Boostrix® (Tdap), Havrix® (Hep A), Engerix B® (Hep B), and Rabavert® (Rabies)
- For more information, call 1-877-VAC-2911 (1-877-822-2911) or visit: www.gsk-vap.com

Pfizer
- Offers a Vaccine Replacement Program to help eligible uninsured patients 19 years of age or older receive vaccine free from their doctor’s office.
- Includes Prevnar13® (PCV13)
- For more information, visit www.pfizerrxpathways.com

Other Programs:
There may be additional vaccine financing programs available through other manufacturers. Contact the manufacturer directly to inquire about further programs.

Note on the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program: Children through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following criteria are eligible to receive VFC vaccines: Medicaid-eligible or Medicaid enrolled (including MI Child), uninsured, American Indian or Alaska Native, or underinsured (have insurance but it does not include vaccines or cover all ACIP-recommended vaccines. Find out more at: www.michigan.gov/vfc/