



Helping Your Adult Clients Pay for Vaccines

Vaccines are an essential step in protecting adults against serious, sometimes fatal, infections. 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. The [Healthy Michigan Plan](#) (expanded Medicaid), all Marketplace health plans ([healthcare.gov](#)), and many other plans comply with ACA preventive service guidelines. Below are some other programs which may assist adult clients in paying for vaccines. In addition, many health plans in Michigan are now covering vaccines at pharmacies for adolescents and adults per ACIP recommendations.

MI-AVP (Michigan Adult Vaccine Program—previously titled MI-VRP)

- Publicly funded vaccine program that offers a limited number of vaccines for adults 19 years of age and older who have no insurance or who have insurance that does not cover any of the cost of the vaccine
- Provides MMR, Td, Tdap, HepA, HepB, 9vHPV, PCV15, PCV20, PPSV23, and RZV vaccines for eligible adults
- May need a certain risk factor for disease to qualify for vaccine, for more information: [www.michigan.gov/vfc](#)
- Types of clinics who may enroll in the program are: Local Health Departments (LHD), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Migrant Health Centers (MHCs), and Tribal Health Centers (THCs)
- 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 or dependency status may be a barrier to health care related to these risks, regardless of insurance
- May need to be in a certain risk group for disease to qualify for vaccine, for more information: [www.michigan.gov/vfc](#)
- 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

- Please refer to the [Medicaid Provider Manual](#) for specific immunization coverage details
- 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 Flu, Td, Tdap, 9vHPV, HepA, HepB, VAR, MMR, RZV, PCV15, PCV20, PPSV23, MenACWY, and MenB
- Providers must use private stock vaccine and bill Medicaid for cost of vaccine and vaccine administration fee
- For beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan (MHP), pharmacy providers should confirm coverage of pharmacist-administered vaccines with the MHP.
- Local Health Departments must bill the MHP directly for immunizations provided to beneficiaries enrolled in managed care. Any claims billed to the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) for MHP members will be denied.
- MHPs cannot require out-of-network providers to obtain plan authorization prior to providing immunization services to plan enrollees.

Adult Medicare

- Medicare Part B
 - Covers an annual influenza vaccine, pneumococcal vaccines, and hepatitis B vaccines
 - For more billing information and specifics on vaccine coverage:
https://www.medicare.gov/coverage?coverage_search=medicare+part+b+vaccine+coverage
- Medicare Part D
 - Plans generally cover ACIP routinely recommended vaccines that are not covered under Medicare Part B and all



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- Check with the insurance plan for specific coverage details
- For more information:
 - Medicare Part D Factsheet: <https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnproducts/downloads/vaccines-part-d-factsheet-icn908764.pdf>
 - Medicare Preventive Service Selector Tool: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prevention/PrevntionGenInfo/medicare-preventive-services/MPS-QuickReferenceChart-1.html>

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 Assistance Program (PAP) for adults 19 years and older who are uninsured or are considered functionally uninsured (e.g., significant copays)
- Includes these vaccines: Tenivac® (Td), Adacel® (Tdap), MenQuadfi® (MenACWY), Imovax® (Rabies), and Imogam® (Rabies Immune Globulin)
- For more information, call 1-888-847-4877 or visit: <https://www.visitspconline.com/>

Merck

- Offers a Vaccine PAP for eligible adults 19 years and older, primarily the uninsured, who cannot afford needed vaccines.
- Includes these vaccines: Gardasil®9 (9vHPV), M-M-R® (MMR), Pneumovax®23 (PPSV23), Recombivax HB® (HepB), Vaqta® (HepA), Varivax® (VAR), and Vaxneuvance™ (PCV15).
- For more information, call 1-800-293-3881 or visit: <https://www.merckhelps.com>

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)

- Offers a PAP for eligible low-income adults 19 years of age or older who do not have third party coverage for vaccines.
- Includes these vaccines: Boostrix® (Tdap), Engerix-B® (HepB), and Shingrix (RZV).
- For more information, call 1-866-728-4368 or visit: <https://www.gskforyou.com/vaccines-patient-assistance/>

Pfizer

- Offers a PAP to help eligible uninsured adults 19 years of age or older receive free vaccine
- Includes these vaccines: Prevnar20® (PCV20) and Trumenba® (MenB)
- For more information, call 1-844-989-PATH (7284) or visit <https://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 (under 19) who meet at least one of the following criteria are eligible to receive VFC vaccines: Medicaid-eligible or Medicaid enrolled, uninsured, American Indian, or Alaska Native, or under-insured (have insurance but it does not include vaccines or cover all ACIP-recommended vaccines).

Find out more at: www.michigan.gov/vfc