



# National Adult Immunization Coordinators' Partnership (NAICP) Call

July 13, 2023

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (EST)



# Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **NVAC presentation:** Adult Vaccine Access Coalition Federal Policy Updates
- **CA Dept of Public Health presentation:** California Safety Net: Vaccines for Adult Program and Local Health Department Support
- **AIM presentation:** An Overview of the AIM Member Assistance Program (MAP)
- **Closing remarks and announcements**

# NAICP background

- NAICP works to increase adult immunization rates across the United States.
- Supports jurisdiction-level adult immunization coordinators in connecting and sharing best practice programmatic information.
- Provides information on adult immunization related topics as well as tools and resources to support jurisdictional-level programming.
- Participates and provides insight on adult immunization jurisdictional-level programming on national work groups, summits, etc.

# NAICP goals

- Increase awareness and uptake of adult vaccines through education of providers and the general public.
- Assess and prioritize adult immunization issues by:
  - Sharing adult immunization information.
  - Conveying successful project ideas.
  - Discussing legislative roadblocks and successes impacting adult immunization.
  - Supporting adult immunization coordinators in adopting and implementing best practices in improving adult vaccine awareness and coverage.

# Thank you NAICP EC members and liaisons!

- Since the relaunch of NAICP in January of 2023, the executive committee (EC) with AIM and CDC liaison support has:
  - Recruited new and talented adult immunization coordinators to join the EC.
  - Convened 3 all-membership meetings, including one in-person at the May National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit (NAIIS) meeting in Atlanta, GA.
  - Worked with NAIIS, AIM and CDC leadership on planning and implementing programming to support adult immunization coordinators following feedback from the NAIIS Summit meeting.
  - Created an all-member listserv with the support of AIM to connect with the NAICP community on a monthly basis.
  - Updated the [NAICP web page](#), including the resources sections with the support of NAICP liaison organization and other national partners.

# NAICP Leadership

- **EC members:**

- **Nisha Gandhi**, California (co-chair)
- **Alyssa Strouse**, Michigan (co-chair)
- **Annie Fedorowicz**, Minnesota (temp/  
outgoing co-chair)
- **Andy Noble**, Pennsylvania
- **Edward Wake**, New Mexico
- **Zachary Ehrlich**, New Jersey (new!)
- **Kelly Jones**, New Hampshire (new!)
- **Samuel Ortiz Severiano**, Texas (new!)

- **CDC Liaisons:**

- **Sam Graitcer**
- **Charleigh Granade**

- **Association of Immunization  
Managers (AIM) Liaison:**

- **Emily Messerli**



**ADULT VACCINE  
ACCESS COALITION**

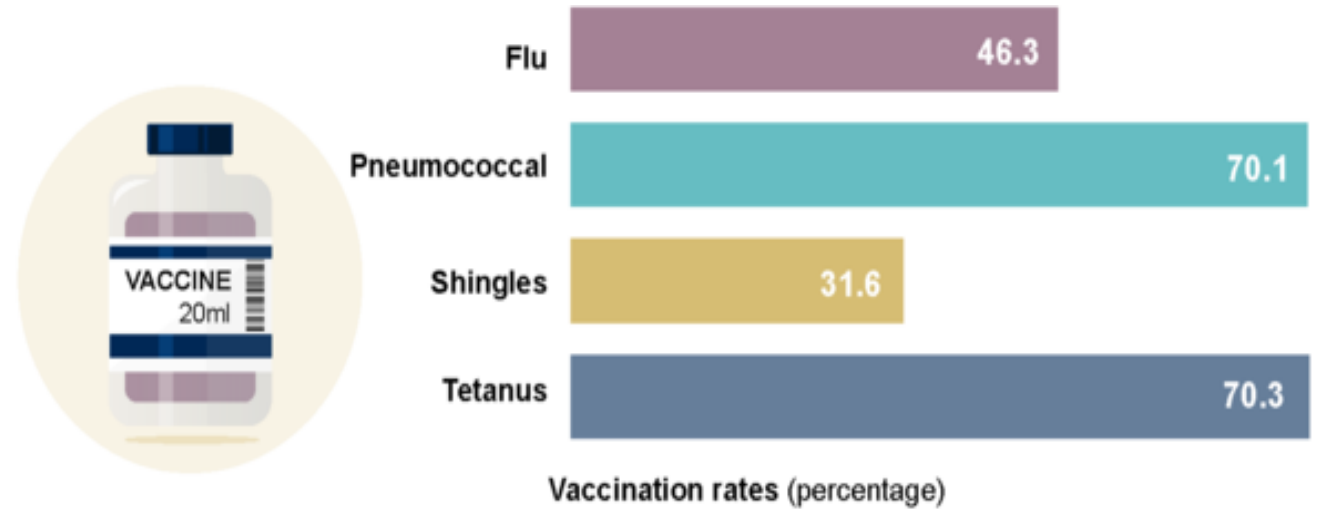
**Adult Vaccine Policy Updates  
Abby Bownas  
Adult Vaccine Access Coalition**



# Adult Vaccine Access Coalition (AVAC)

- Established in 2015 to strengthen and enhance access to and increase utilization of vaccines among adults.
- AVAC is made up of a diverse group of health care providers, vaccine innovators, public health organizations, patient and consumer groups.

## Estimated Adult Vaccination Rates for Four Vaccines, 2020



Source: GAO analysis of Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data. | GAO-22-105334

**AVAC is fighting to make necessary policy changes to increase vaccination rates — saving lives and money.**





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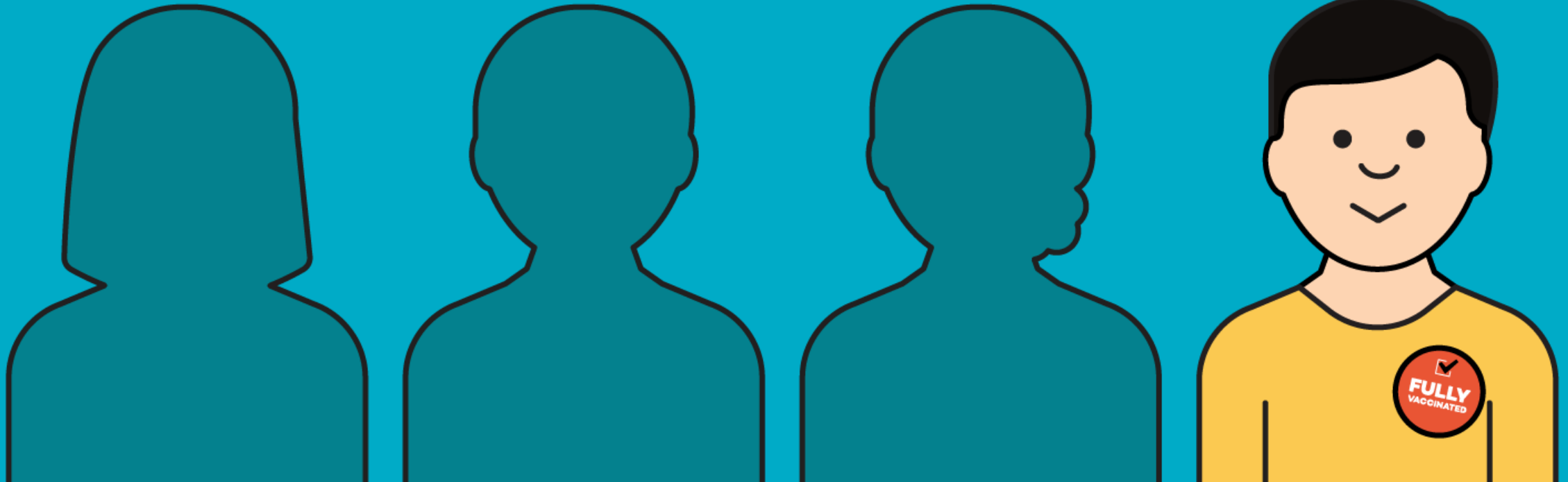


[www.adultvaccinesnow.org/our-membership/](http://www.adultvaccinesnow.org/our-membership/)

3 OUT OF 4

adults are missing one or more of four critical vaccines for flu, pneumococcal, shingles, and Td or Tdap.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.ss7003a1>

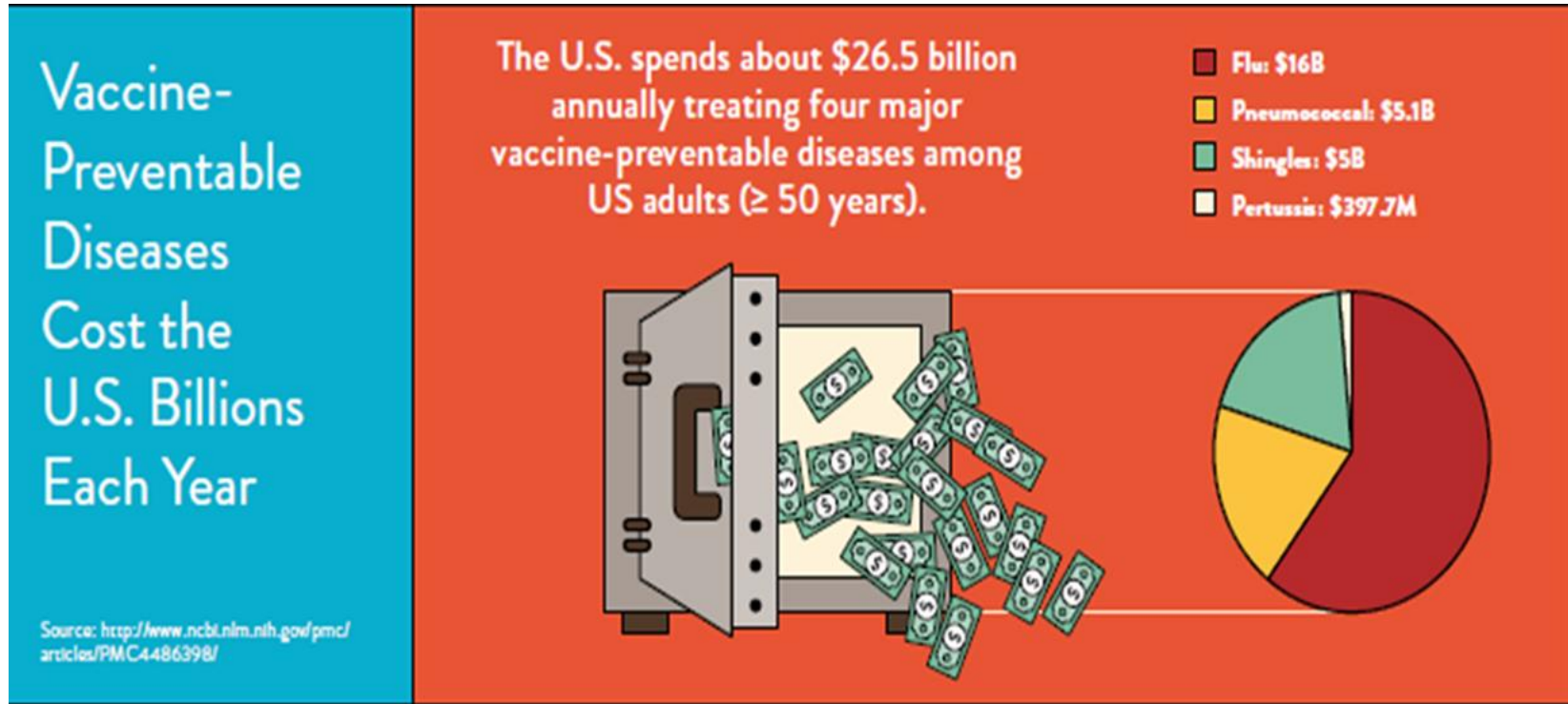


# Barriers to Adult Immunizations in the U.S.

<b>Financial</b>	Inability for individuals to pay due to co-pays / gaps in coverage
<b>Hesitancy</b>	Regarding vaccine safety and effectiveness among patients
<b>Provider</b>	Financial barriers for health care providers to stock and administer vaccines
<b>Lack of awareness</b>	Regarding recommended vaccines and the risk/consequences of vaccine-preventable diseases
<b>Coordination</b>	Lack of coordination among health care providers – many adults see multiple providers – and across the health care system
<b>Legal/Policy</b>	Systematic at the federal and state levels restricting which providers can immunize
<b>Missed Opportunities</b>	For immunization assessment, counseling and recommendations by health care providers
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Lack of or underuse of immunization data systems that document vaccination histories

# Core Policy Goals to Improve Adult Vaccination Rates

1. Strengthening Vaccine Infrastructure
2. Creating Equity in Vaccine Access
3. Promoting High Immunization Rates
4. Eliminating Financial Barriers





# President's FY24 Budget Proposal

## Opportunities to Strengthen Immunization Infrastructure

### CDC

- Immunization Infrastructure \$989 (+317m)
- Flu \$251m (+20m)
- Hep B \$44.5m (+11.5m)
- NEW Vaccine for Adults proposal \$12B (mandatory funding)

### CMS

- Part D Vaccines
- Medicaid Vaccines
- Medicaid Coverage of Vaccine Counseling
- Nursing Home Education
- Pandemic Preparedness Vaccine Authority



A strong immunization infrastructure increases and sustains vaccination rates.



What are the components of the immunization infrastructure?



- State and local immunization programs
- Outreach, education and provider support
- Immunization information systems (IIS)
- Vaccine storage, handling, administration and safety
- Surveillance and outbreak response
- Vaccines for uninsured children and adults
- Quality measures
- Disaster response

Who benefits from a strong immunization infrastructure?



**You and your family**  
Seniors  
Adults  
Adolescents  
Children



**Health care system**  
Doctors  
Nurses  
Pharmacists  
Worksite wellness  
Community health  
Long-term care  
Insurers



**Public health**  
State and local immunization program managers  
Epidemiologists  
Preparedness officials

# Equity in Vaccine Access



OF WHITE ADULTS RECEIVED THE VACCINE



OF BLACK ADULTS RECEIVED THE VACCINE



OF HISPANIC ADULTS RECEIVED THE VACCINE

In 2019, white adults were almost twice as likely as Black and Hispanic adults to receive shingles vaccinations.



of the U.S. population received a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in less than a year.



**37 MILLION** routine adolescent and adult vaccine doses were missed from January 2020 to July 2021<sup>6</sup> as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

HEALTH

Becerra says government must reach people where they are to surmount vaccine inequities

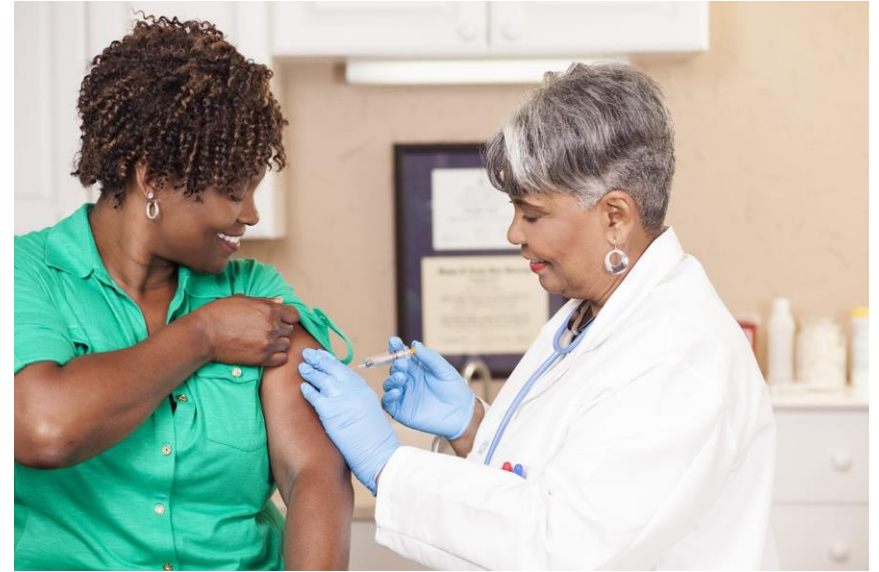
By Amy Goldstein

March 23, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. EDT

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# Promoting High Immunization Rates

- **Adoption of Quality Measures**
  - Adult Immunization Status Measure
  - Prenatal Immunization Composite
- **Supporting Vaccinators**
  - Improved reimbursement for Vaccine, Counseling, Administration
- **Provider and Patient Education**



“Encouraging adults to adhere to a recommended vaccine schedule has the potential to improve quality of life for millions and reduce the tremendous burden our communities and healthcare providers shoulder with respect to treating vaccine-preventable illnesses.”

- THE VALUE AND IMPERATIVE OF QUALITY MEASURES FOR ADULT VACCINES



# Eliminating Financial Barriers in Medicare & Medicaid

## IRA Sec 11401

Eliminates copays/out of pocket expenses for ACIP-recommended vaccines under Medicare Part D

## IRA Sec 11405

Requires coverage for ACIP recommended adult vaccines in traditional Medicaid and CHIP programs.

**NEW**  
Health Care  
Savings for  
Older Adults

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In 2021, 3.4 million older adults paid **\$234 million** in out-of-pocket costs for vaccines. Thanks to Congressional action, Medicare Part D enrollees can now get those vaccines for **free**.



Source: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/aging-disability/healthy-aging>

# Medicare Part D No Cost Vaccines

- **January 1, 2023**
- Adult vaccines recommended by the ACIP are now available to people with Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D) at no cost.
- Part D Vaccines include Shingles, Tetanus-Diphtheria-Whooping Cough, future vaccines.
- Prior to effective date, CMS released:
  - Guidance to Part D Sponsors (9/26)
  - Communications Fact Sheets/FAQ (10/5)

# Medicaid No Cost Vaccines

October 1, 2023

- Establishes federal coverage requirements across all Medicaid programs and populations.
- CMS Guidance Released (6/27)

- **ACIP.** Makes recommendation to follow ACIP recommended vaccines.
- **FMAP.** States that currently provide Medicaid coverage for immunization without cost sharing, receive a one percentage point increase in their FMAP for their Medicaid expenditures for these services.
- **Providers.** Encourages broad array of providers
- **Payment.** Encourages states to consider setting payment rates at actual acquisition cost and adequate professional fee for admin to incentivize access/availability.
- **State Plan Amendments.** Details that states must submit SPA by October 1.

## Fact Sheet: Inflation Reduction Act changes to Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Adult Vaccine Coverage



In August 2022, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022 (P.L. 117-169) into law. The IRA amended the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) statutes to require Medicaid and CHIP coverage and payment without cost sharing beginning October 1, 2023 for U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and their administration.

### Which vaccines do states have to cover beginning October 1, 2023?

Beginning October 1, 2023, state Medicaid and CHIP programs must cover vaccines that are approved by the FDA for use by adult populations and administered in accordance with ACIP recommendations. As explained in the [SHO letter], CMS does not interpret the IRA-required coverage to include vaccines that FDA has authorized for use under emergency use authorization, but has not approved. CMS interprets the statutory references to "adults" to mean persons age 19 and older.

Additionally, beginning October 1, 2023, CMS interprets the statutory reference to ACIP recommendations to include any category of ACIP recommendations. There are multiple categories of ACIP recommendations for adult vaccines, including recommendations described on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/ACIP adult immunization schedule (as determined by age and risk and recommendations for shared clinical decision-making), as well as recommendations based on risk due to health condition, occupation, and travel. Some recommendations are for routine use, and some are not. Because CMS interprets the IRA coverage requirement to include any category of ACIP recommendations, that coverage requirement is not limited to vaccines that CDC/ACIP include on the immunization schedules or recommend for routine use. It would include approved vaccines identified on the CDC/ACIP adult immunization schedule, such as the shingles and influenza vaccines, as well as approved vaccines recommended for specific populations, such as the mpox vaccines, as long as the beneficiary meets the ACIP recommendation's criteria.

### Who is eligible to receive these mandatory vaccination services?

This new mandatory coverage applies to nearly all full-benefit beneficiaries aged 19 and older covered under traditional Medicaid, and CHIP beneficiaries aged 19 and older.

### Will Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries who are eligible for the newly required coverage have to pay anything for these newly covered vaccines or their administration?

No. Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries age 19 and older who are eligible for the newly required coverage will have no cost sharing for any FDA-approved adult vaccines that are administered in accordance with any category of ACIP recommendations, and will also have no cost-sharing for the administration of these vaccines.

### Is there enhanced federal funding for state expenditures on these adult vaccines?

States will receive the applicable regular Medicaid federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) and CHIP FMAP for their expenditures on the adult vaccinations they are required to cover under the IRA. In addition, states that, as of August 16, 2022, were covering approved, ACIP-recommended adult vaccinations, without cost sharing, can claim a one percentage point increase in the FMAP for their Medicaid expenditures on these vaccination services for the first eight fiscal quarters that begin on or after October 1, 2023.

At the conclusion of the eight fiscal quarters (September 30, 2025), these states' Medicaid expenditures for vaccines and vaccine administration described in section 1905(a)(13)(B) of the Act will be matched at the applicable regular FMAP.

### Where can I find more information?

Please see the **Mandatory Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Coverage of Adult Vaccinations under the Inflation Reduction Act** for more information.

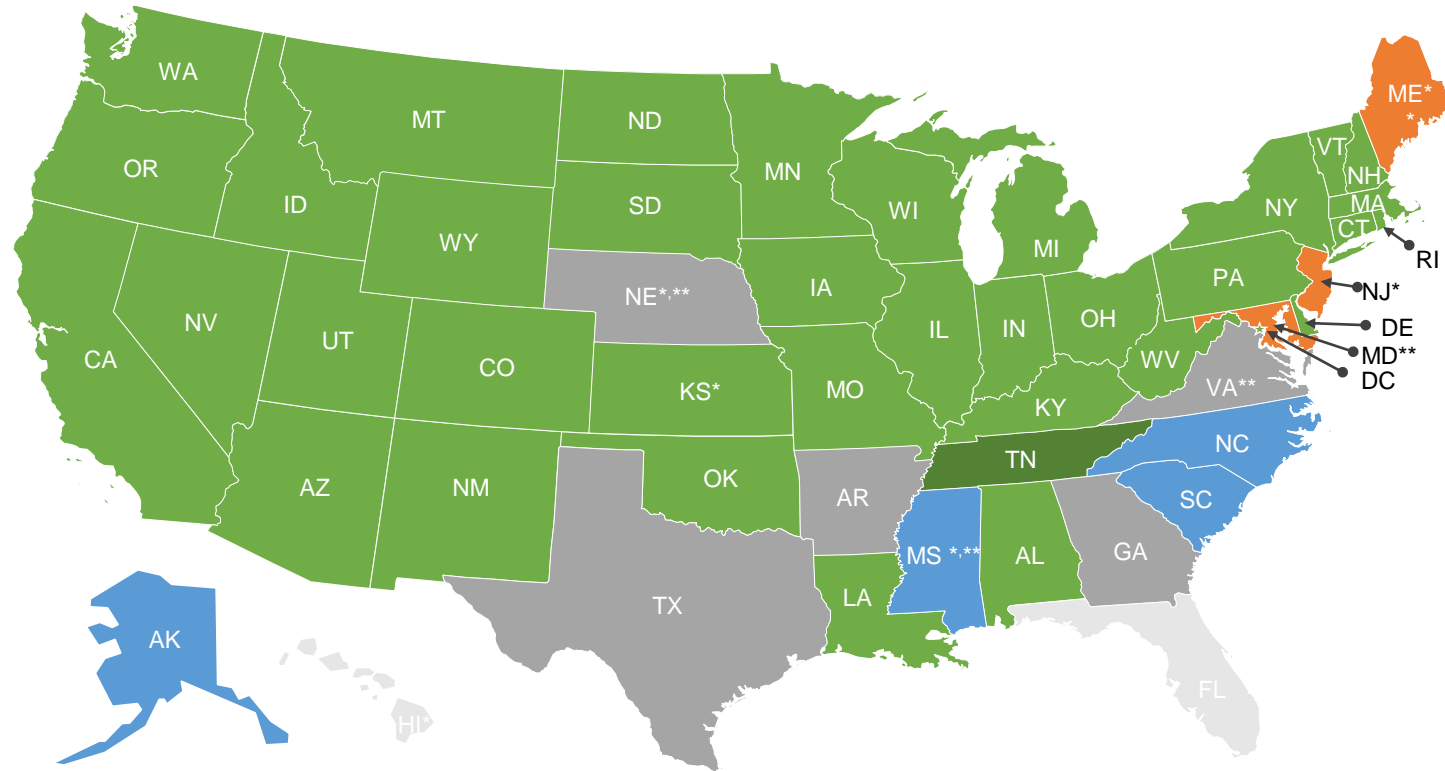
June 2023



<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/vaccinations-fact-sheet-06272023.pdf>

# Current Vaccine Coverage & Cost Sharing in Medicaid

States with Medicaid FFS Programs that Do Not Cover One or More Assessed Vaccines for All ACIP-Recommended Populations, 2021



**11 Fee for Service States & 6 Medicaid Managed Care do NOT cover one or more ACIP recommended vaccines.**

- All Assessed Vaccines Covered for All ACIP Recommended Populations (35 States)
- 3+ Assessed Vaccines Not Covered (2 States)
- Unable to Determine All Assessed Vaccines (3 States)

- 1 Assessed Vaccine Not Covered (4 States)
- 2 Assessed Vaccines Not Covered (5 States)
- State Does Not Have FFS (1 State)

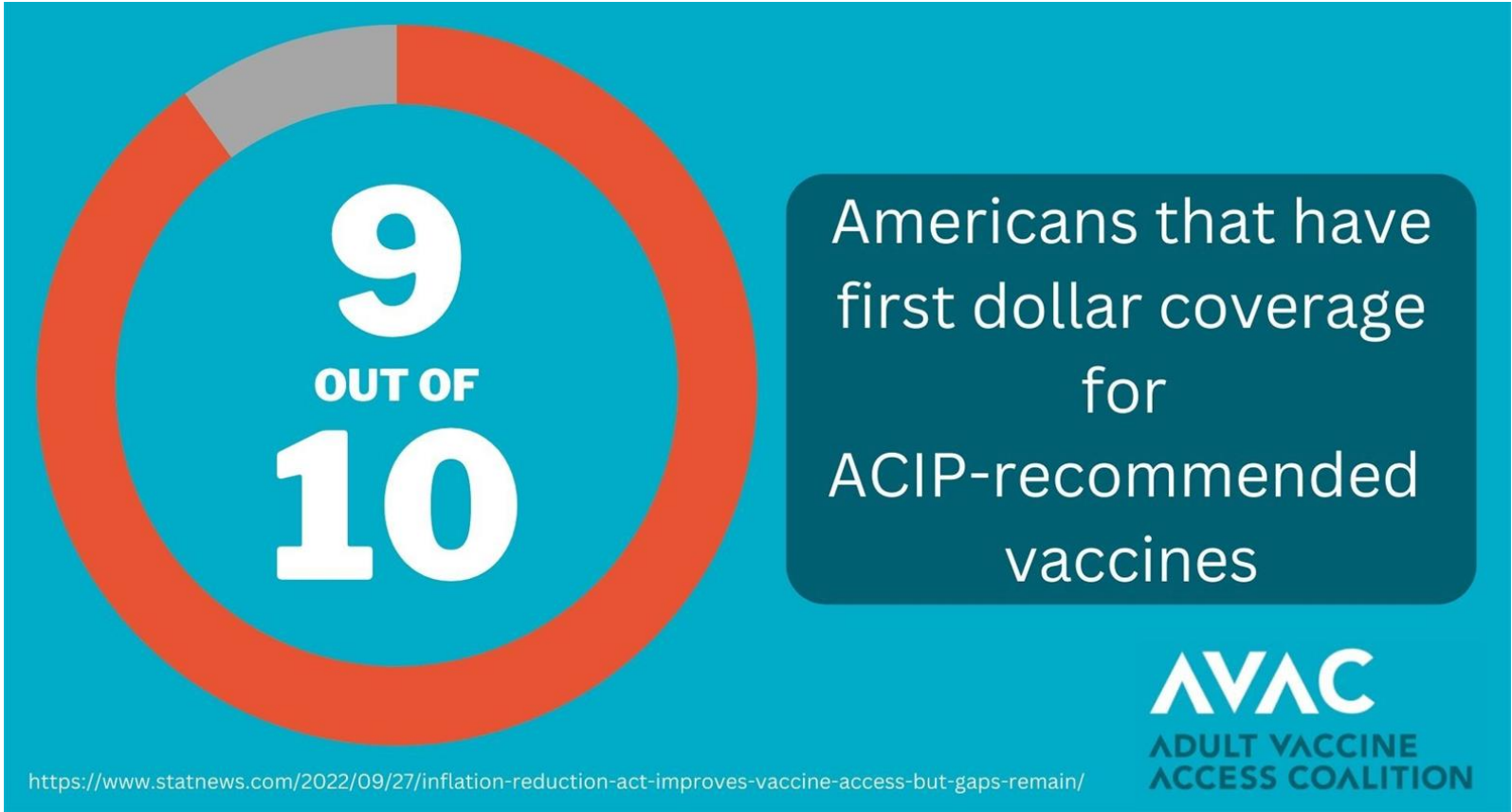
\*FFS programs contain less than 2% of state Medicaid beneficiaries; most Medicaid beneficiaries in these states are enrolled in a MMC plan.

\*\*Avalere was unable to determine if a coverage policy aligned with ACIP recommendation for one or more assessed vaccines

Avalere Adult Vaccine Coverage in Medicaid: Assessing Existing Gaps and Looking Ahead to Implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act.  
<https://avalere.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Medicaid-and-IRA-White-Paper.pdf>

# Looking Forward

Strengthening Vaccine Infrastructure	Eliminating Financial Barriers	Creating Equity in Immunization	Promoting High Immunization Rates
FY24 Appropriations	Medicaid IRA Implementation	Catching Up on Missed Vaccines	Enhanced Reimbursement policies for vaccinations, counseling, and administration
Pandemic Preparedness	Vaccines for Uninsured Adults	Education and Outreach	Adoption of AIS and Prenatal Status Measure
Immunization Data Interoperability			Support for FQHCs & Continuation of PREP Act Flexibilities



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# California's Safety Net: Vaccines For Adults Program and Local Health Department Support Programs



CDPH Immunization Branch  
National Adult Immunization Coordinators Partnership  
July 13, 2023



# Vaccines For Adults Program Overview

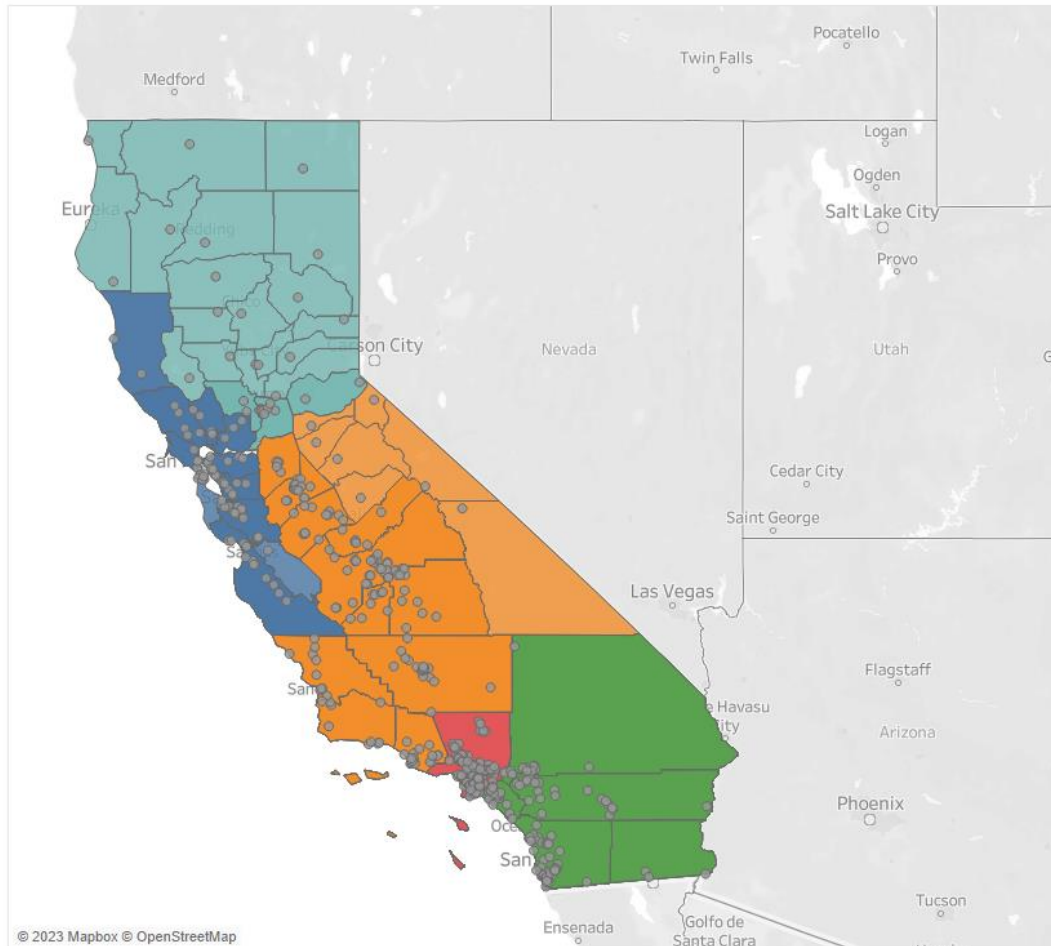
- The California Vaccines for Adults (VFA) program was created in 2016 by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to increase adult vaccination rates and decrease disparities in immunization coverage
- Provides no-cost vaccines for uninsured or underinsured adults 19 years of age and older
- Promotes 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

# Program Overview

- Expand access to 317-funded vaccines to eligible Federally Qualified Health Centers (FHQCs) in California
  - Federal 317 budget used for VFA Provider Orders, 61 Local Health Department Orders and Outbreak Prevention Efforts
- To be eligible to participate in the VFA program, providers must:
  - Have active participation in the California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program
  - Have experience providing a safety net for uninsured and underinsured adults
  - Be enrolled in the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) or Healthy Futures
- Total of **532** providers enrolled in the California VFA Program
- Opened VFA program enrollment in 2016 and 2021
- Resource: [VFA Program Overview](#)

# Distribution of VFA Providers in CA

VFA Providers



VFC Region  
Bay Area  
Central Valley  
Los Angeles  
Northern California  
Southern California

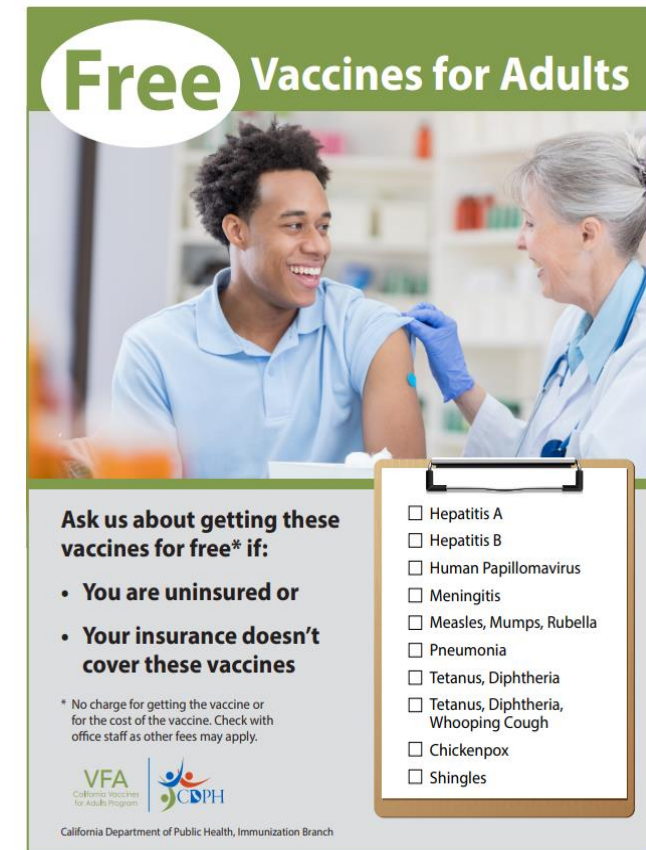
Region  
Bay Area  
Central Valley  
Los Angeles  
Northern California  
Southern California

## Number of VFA Locations Per Region

Region	Number of VFA Locations
Bay Area	76
Central Valley	149
Los Angeles	172
Northern California	18
Southern California	117

# VFA Ordering

- Most vaccines routinely recommended for adults by the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are available through the program
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- Quarterly ordering cycles
  - Allow monitoring of ordering, spend plan monitoring and adjusting
  - Able to forecast anticipated need for each remaining quarter
  - Prepare order limits/Caps scenarios for upcoming quarters
  - Strategic order processing at the end of the Federal Fiscal year



**Free Vaccines for Adults**

Ask us about getting these vaccines for free\* if:

- You are uninsured or
- Your insurance doesn't cover these vaccines

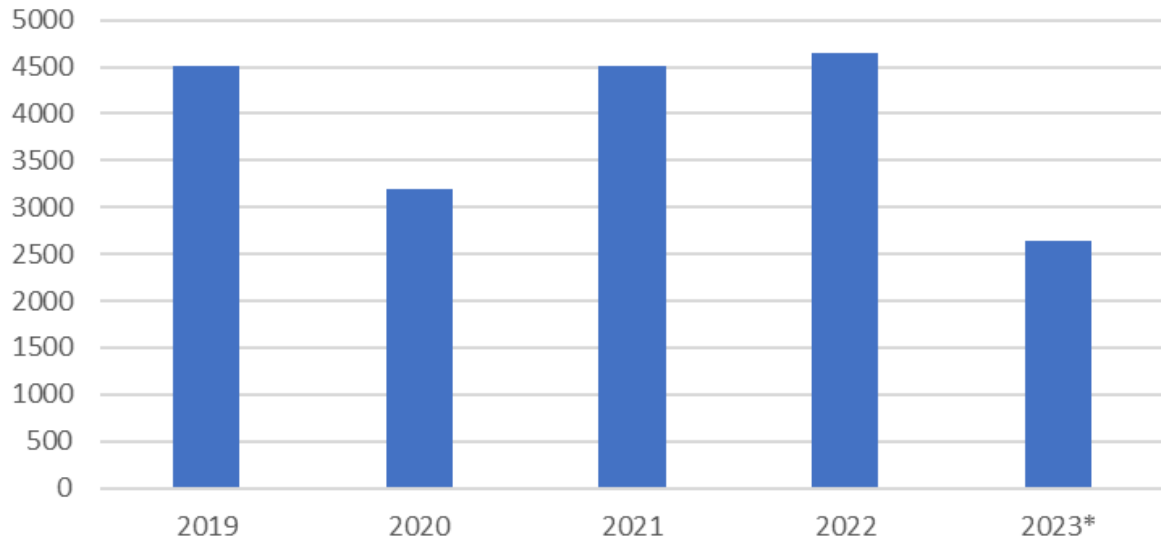
\* No charge for getting the vaccine or for the cost of the vaccine. Check with office staff as other fees may apply.

Hepatitis A  
 Hepatitis B  
 Human Papillomavirus  
 Meningitis  
 Measles, Mumps, Rubella  
 Pneumonia  
 Tetanus, Diphtheria  
 Tetanus, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough  
 Chickenpox  
 Shingles

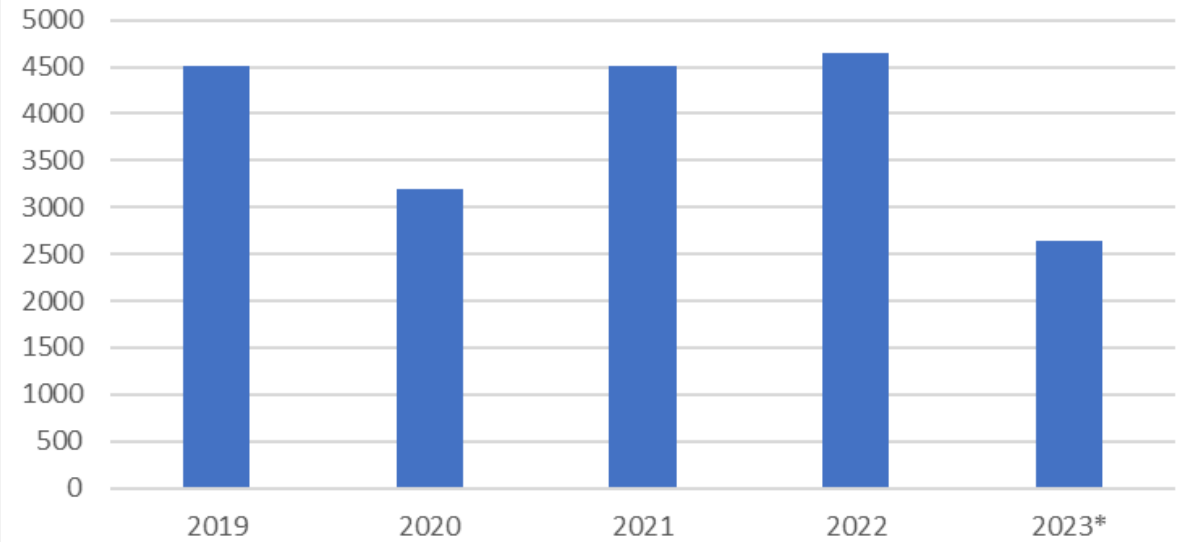
VFA California Vaccines for Adults Program | CDPH  
California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch

# VFA Ordering Data cont'd

Total Quantity Ordered by VFA Provider from 2019 to End of May 2023



Number of VFA Providers that Ordered Each Year from 2019 to End of May 2023



# Local Health Department Support

- 61 LHDs order vaccine routinely for underinsured/uninsured adults  
THOUGH most of the budget goes towards VFA
- Increasing number of outbreaks makes planning difficult

# 317 Budget Challenges

- VFA Providers are now ordering up to the budget
  - Placing ordering limits/caps on VFA orders with limited funding
- Due to a limited budget, enrollment of additional VFA providers is not possible
- Future vaccine availability for VFA will be dependent upon increased budget and demand
- Addition of new vaccines (RSV, COVID-19) creates challenges for the program
- 317 Budget supports vaccination efforts of uninsured adults at 61 local health departments
- 317 Budget supports outbreak prevention efforts (vaccinating primarily insured population)



# Questions?

- THANK YOU!
- [my317vaccines@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:my317vaccines@cdph.ca.gov)
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  - Nisha Gandhi – [Nisha.Gandhi@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Nisha.Gandhi@cdph.ca.gov)

# *An Overview of the AIM Member Assistance Program*

July 13, 2023



Association of  
Immunization  
Managers

# Introduction



Dr. Diadra W. Biles,  
MAP Project Manager

# 2021 – 2023 MAP Technical Assistance

# 2021 Member Assistance Program Activities

27 affinity group meetings covering 5 program topics<sup>1</sup>

3 rounds of matchmaking interviews

2 toolkits (adult immunization program business operations and health equity)

6 workgroup meetings<sup>2</sup>

- <sup>1</sup>One affinity group meeting had one attendee; we opted to end the meeting early
- <sup>2</sup>Two workgroups had one attendee; we opted to end the meeting early



# MAP Resources

## Toolkits

### MAP Health Equity Toolkit

July 15, 2022

This toolkit includes five resources for advancing health equity in immunization programs.

### MAP Adult Immunization Business Operations Toolkit

July 7, 2022

The AIM MAP team created this toolkit to provide immunization programs with resources and approaches to addressing business operations challenges.

# Insights From The 2022 Annual Needs Assessment and Other Data Collected

# Assessing Immunization Program Needs

## Annual Needs Assessment

29 Survey  
participants

16 Focus group  
participants

2 Key informant  
interviews

**+** Surveys and insights captured during interviews, matchmaking meetings, affinity groups and workgroups



# Priorities



## Most Challenging to Reach



## Promising Practices

### Priority Populations



#### Most Challenging

People who are

- Homebound
- Immigrant
- Transient
- Living in rural areas
- Underinsured
- Utilizing informal care

### Health Equity



#### Challenges

- Staff trained in cultural competency
- Incomplete data
- Providing services to non-English speaking populations
- Infrastructure and community engagement
- Coordinating and advancing health equity
- Identifying and activating community resources

### Community Partnerships



#### Challenges

- Incentivizing community partners
- Tracking vaccination rates in insured populations
- Defusing misinformation
- Accessing large number of vaccination sites
- Ensuring community engagement
- Engaging program partners
- Continuing to address the COVID-19 impact

### Business Operations



#### Challenges

- Hiring and training new staff
- Tools and technology to support stakeholder engagement
- Data sharing (interoperability)
- Funding for ongoing adult immunization programs
- Staff retention
- Succession planning



#### Promising Practices

- Logic model to engage in strategic planning
- Grant manager to support the team with budgeting and funding opportunities
- Training for staff in motivational interviewing strategies

# 2022 – 2023 MAP TA Curriculum

# Current MAP Activities and Resources

## Needs Assessment

survey, 2 focus groups,  
4 key informant  
interviews

## Webinars

3 DAAP Spotlights  
Series and  
3 Shared Learning

## Written Summaries

6 affinity groups  
1 Goal Tracker and  
Objective Tracker



# MAP Curriculum Overview

## AIM MAP Technical Assistance Activities 2022 - 2023

Week ending	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023
Action Group #1					02/08/2023			05/03/2023	06/06/2023			
Action Group Drop-in and Individualized TA												
Affinity Group (Capacity Building)			12/14/22		02/15/23		04/12/23					
Affinity Group (Topic TBD)								6/14		7/12		9/13
DAAP Spotlight Series					2/27			5/24			9/14	
Webinars	10/20/22 (Toolkits)			01/19/23 (Rural Communities)			04/26/23 (Inclusive Work Culture)					
Adult Immunization Committee				01/10/23	02/13/23	03/14/23	04/11/23	05/12/23	06/13/23	07/11/23	08/08/23	09/12/23
Feedback Sessions	10/18/22 10/19/22		12/20/22 12/21/22		02/17/23 02/21/23 02/22/23	3/30/23	04/18/23 04/19/23 04/21/23	5/1/23	06/16/23 06/20/23 06/21/23		08/15/23 08/16/23 08/18/23	
Assessment								Survey	Focus Groups/KIIs	Focus Groups/KIIs		

# Questions?



# NAICP EC Announcements

- Presentation slides and a recording of this webinar will be made available on our web page later in July: [www.izsummitpartners.org/naicp/](http://www.izsummitpartners.org/naicp/)
- Save-the-date for our final 2023 quarterly all-member meeting scheduled on **November 2, 2023, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. EST.**
  - Webinar registration information will be shared through our newsletter and web page in the Fall.
- Reminder that all NAICP member communications now come through our listserv ([naicp@immunizationmanagers.org](mailto:naicp@immunizationmanagers.org)).
  - Join NAICP by subscribing to our listserv on our web page.
  - Invite colleagues to subscribe to NAICP that work on adult immunization for your jurisdiction's Immunization Program.



# Thank you!

**Need to reach the NAICP EC?**

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