Insurance Coverage of Adult Immunizations

Patients and providers should confirm which providers are in-network providers for vaccinations covered by their insurance plan.

PATIENT NEEDS VACCINE

Does the patient have insurance?

- NO
- YES

Type of insurance coverage?

- Commercial or Employee-Sponsored
- Medicaid
  - Bill to medical or pharmacy benefit.
- Medicare
  - Bill to medical or pharmacy benefit.

COVID-19 vaccine?

- YES
- NO

CDC Bridge Program (vaccines.gov)

Refer to local health departments or manufacturer

State or local health departments may offer vaccines to uninsured or underinsured adults. Manufacturers may have patient assistance programs.

Influenza, pneumococcal, COVID-19, Hepatitis B

Tetanus (Td or Tdap) vaccines are covered under Medicare Part B only for wound management. Hepatitis B vaccines are covered by Medicare Part B for patients at intermediate to high-risk of hepatitis B. Only influenza, pneumococcal and COVID-19 vaccines are eligible for roster billing.

Medicare Part B

Medicare Advantage Plans cover all ACIP recommended vaccines given by in-network providers.

Medicare Part D

All ACIP recommended vaccines except those covered by Part B

Medicare Part D also covers Td/Tdap vaccines not for wound management and hepatitis B for people at low risk of hepatitis B.

Medicaid

Some health insurance plans will only cover vaccines through the medical benefit. Some allow pharmacies to bill vaccines through the medical benefit.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires commercial and employee-sponsored plans to cover all ACIP-recommended vaccines administered by “in-network” providers.