



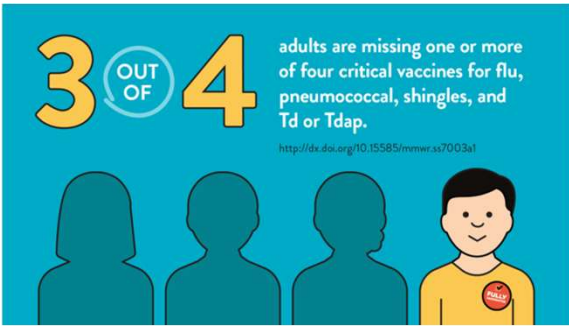
**NAIIS Summit  
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Federal Policy: Adult Vaccine Access and Coverage**

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## 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.



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



## Coverage of Vaccines: Commercial

- The Affordable Care Act or “ACA” was the comprehensive health care reform law enacted in **March 2010**
  - Makes affordable health insurance available to more people.
  - Expands the Medicaid program to cover all adults with income below 138% of the FPL. Not all states have expanded their Medicaid programs. **ACIP-recommended vaccines were included in the Expansion populations**
- As part of the ACA (Sec. 2713), most\* private health plans must provide coverage for a range of recommended preventive services to individuals without cost-sharing (such as copayments, deductibles, or co-insurance). **All ACIP-recommended vaccines are covered under this section**

\*A few “grandfathered” plans are still in the marketplace

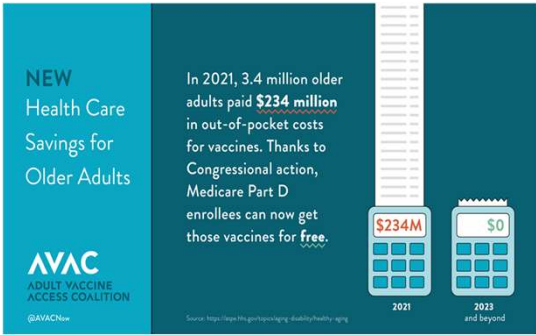
Cost Sharing and Vaccines		
With the new Inflation Reduction Law, now Medicare Part D beneficiaries won't face high out-of-pocket costs for their vaccines.		
MARKET	VACCINES	OUT-OF-POCKET
Commercial	All CDC-Recommended	\$0
Medicaid Expansion	All CDC-Recommended	\$0
Traditional Medicaid	Determined by state	\$50-\$340*
Medicare Part B	Pneumococcal, influenza, hepatitis B	\$0
Medicare Part D	All other CDC recommended vaccines, shingles, Tdap, future vaccines	\$0-\$160

Source: Alexander Stewart, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2013.11.050>  
Reprinted, <https://www.merit.com/insights/White-Paper/2018/Medicare-Part-D-Cost-Sharing-Trends-for-Adult-Vaccines>

**WHAT TO WATCH...**

## Coverage of Vaccines: Medicare

Vaccines are covered in Part B and Part D.



### Medicare Part B (physician billing)

- Covid-19, Influenza, Pneumonia and Hepatitis B vaccines
- In Social Security Act. No cost.

### Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D – Pharmacy Billing )

- Shingles, Tetanus-Diphtheria-Whooping Cough, RSV, future vaccines
- Medicare Modernization Act. Passed 2003. New vaccines covered under Part D.
- IRA. Pass 2022. Removed Cost sharing from coverage for ACIP-recommended vaccines under Medicare Part D (Sec. 11401).


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## Coverage of Vaccines: Medicaid

### Medicaid.

- ACIP recommended vaccines available with no out-of-pocket cost.
- Prior to 2023, vaccine coverage and cost sharing differed based on state.
- 2023. Expanded coverage for all ACIP Recommended adult vaccines in traditional Medicaid and CHIP programs. (IRA Sec 11405).

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### THE VACCINE SCHEDULE

ACIP recommendations form two immunization schedules, which are updated annually:

1. Childhood and adolescent immunization schedule
2. Adult immunization schedule

Once ACIP recommendations are adopted by the Director of the CDC and the Secretary of the HHS, these recommendations are published in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), become official policy, and are incorporated into the appropriate immunization schedule.

# Coverage of Vaccines: Uninsured

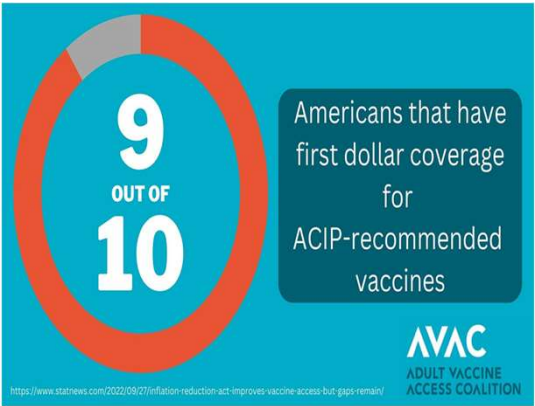
Adults without insurance may be able to access vaccines through:

- Patient assistance programs
- State/Local Health Departments.

The CDC Immunization Program funding provides dollars to state and local health for many elements of immunization Infrastructure.

- FY24 \$682m
- FY25 – CR (stays the same)
- Allows for some adult vaccine purchase

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