



Federal Adult Vaccine Policy Landscape

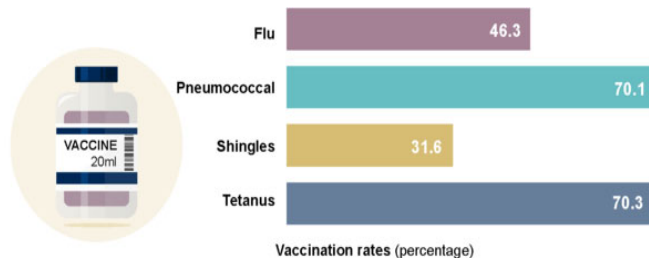
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Adult Vaccine Access Coalition (AVAC)

- 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.

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.



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>

Multiple Barriers to Adult Immunizations

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

<https://www.hhs.gov/vaccines/vaccines-national-strategic-plan/index.html>

Policy Goals to Improve Adult Vaccination Rates


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



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Strengthening Vaccine Infrastructure

A strong immunization infrastructure increases and sustains vaccination rates.




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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

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



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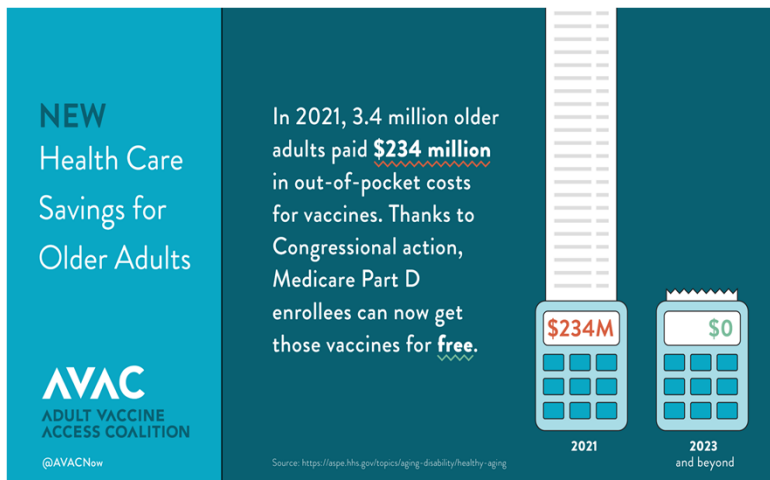
Eliminating Financial Barriers in Medicare & Medicaid

IRA Sec 11401

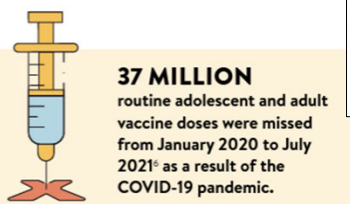
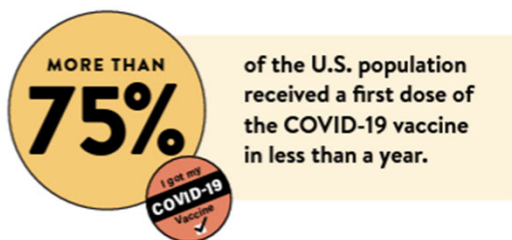
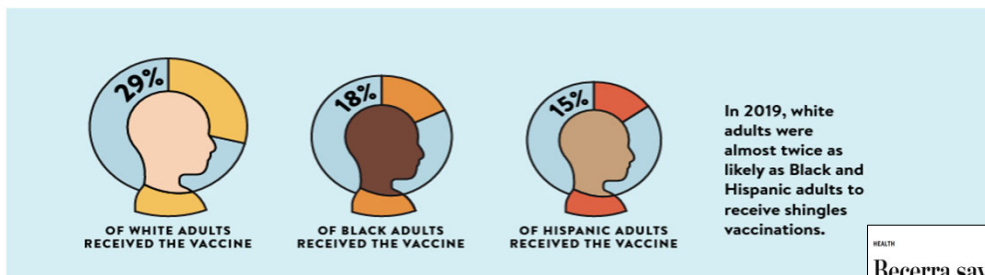
Eliminates copays/out of pocket expenses for ACIP-recommended vaccines under Medicare Part D

IRA Sec 11405

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



Equity in Vaccine Access



HEALTH
Becerra says government must reach people where they are to surmount vaccine inequities
By Amy Goldstein
MARCH 23, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. EST

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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**

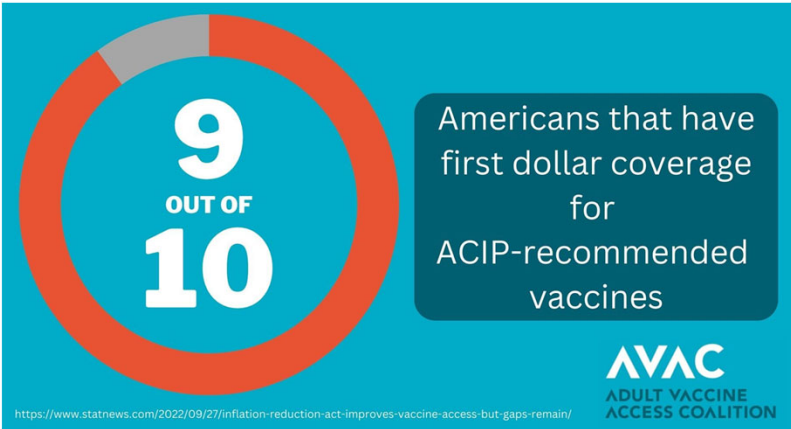


“Encouraging adults to adhere to a recommended vaccine schedule has the potential to improve quality of life for millions and reduce the tremendous burden our communities and healthcare providers shoulder with respect to treating vaccine-preventable illnesses.”
 - THE VALUE AND IMPERATIVE OF QUALITY MEASURES FOR ADULT VACCINES



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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