

Helping Your Adult Clients Pay for Vaccines

The economy has taken a toll on many families in Michigan, but this doesn't mean that patients should delay or forgo needed and important immunizations. Below are some programs which may assist adult clients in paying for vaccines.

MI-VRP (Michigan Vaccine Replacement Program)

- Publicly funded vaccine program that offers a limited number of vaccines
- For adults ages 19 years and older who have no insurance or who have insurance that doesn't cover any of the cost of the vaccine
- Provides MMR, Td, Tdap, Hepatitis A or Hepatitis B vaccines
- Must meet criteria for all vaccines in MI-VRP Program
- Available at: Local Health Departments (LHD), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Migrant Health Centers (MHC) and Tribal Health Centers (THC)
- Adults may be charged a vaccine administration fee determined by the clinic site
- For more information, contact your Local Health Department

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/dependency status may be a barrier to seeking health care related to these risks
- Must be in a certain risk group for disease to qualify for vaccine
- 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
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Adult Medicaid (ages 19 through 64 years)

- MI Adult Medicaid provides reimbursement to providers who vaccinate adults
- All vaccines routinely recommended on the CDC Adult Immunization Schedule, including Td/Tdap, HPV, Hep A, Hep B, Var, MMR, Zoster and PPSV23.
- Providers **must** use private stock vaccine and bill Medicaid for the cost of the vaccine and the vaccine administration fee.
- For more information, contact your Local Health Department

Adult Medicare (beginning at age 65 years)

- Medicare Part B
 - o Allows for an annual Influenza vaccine (TIV) and a Pneumococcal Polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23; no more than 2 doses in a lifetime)
 - o Allows for Hepatitis B vaccine for persons in certain high risk groups
- Medicare Part D
 - o May cover additional vaccines like Zoster, MMR or Tdap
 - o Coverage varies by Part D plan—check with the insurance company for details
- For more information: www.cms.gov

