

Helping Adults Pay for Vaccines

The following list of resources includes information where adults can receive vaccines free of charge or at a low cost. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires new or updated insurance plans to provide access to vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) with no co-payments or cost-sharing when those services are delivered by an in-network provider. For information on paying for vaccines through private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, the military, or connecting patients with no insurance to the Health Insurance Marketplace visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/pay-for-vaccines.html>.

Iowa Department of Public Health Bureau of HIV and STD

Provides hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccines free of charge for individuals meeting any of the following risk-factors:

- Men who have sex with men;
- Diagnosed with an STD;
- Injection drug users;
- Share drug injection equipment;
- Non-injection drug users;
- Diagnosed with HIV or hepatitis C virus (HCV);
- Sexual partner who is HIV-positive; or
- Sexual partner who is hepatitis A positive or hepatitis B positive.

Vaccines are available at the following locations:

Black Hawk County Health Department

1407 Independence Avenue., 5th FL
Waterloo, IA 319-241-2413

Cerro Gordo County Health Department

22 N Georgia Avenue., Suite 300
Mason City, IA 641-421-9320

Pottawattamie County Public Health

600 S 4th Street, Suite 100
Council Bluffs, IA 712-242-1155

Hillcrest Professional Health Clinic

220 W 7th Street
Dubuque, IA 563-556-6200

Linn County Public Health

501 13th Street, N.W.
Cedar Rapids, IA 319-892-6095

Polk County Health Department

1907 Carpenter Avenue
Des Moines, IA 515-286-3798

Scott County Health Department

600 W. 4th Street, 4th FL
Davenport, IA 563-236-8618, ext. 8826

Siouxland Community Health Center

1021 Nebraska Street
Sioux City, IA 712-252-2477

Adult Medicaid

- Adult Medicaid provides reimbursement to providers who vaccinate enrolled adults.
- Iowa Medicaid covers all vaccines routinely recommended on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Adult Immunization Schedule, including Flu, Td, Tdap, HPV, HepA, HepB, VAR, MMR, RZV, ZVL, PCV13, PPSV23, MenACWY, and MenB.
- Health care providers must use private stock vaccine and bill Medicaid for the cost of the vaccine and vaccine administration fee.
- Medicaid policy allows pharmacies to administer all ACIP-recommended vaccines to adults 19 years of age and older. For beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care Organization, pharmacy providers should confirm coverage of pharmacist-administered vaccines.

Adult Medicare

Medicare Part B

- Allows for an annual influenza vaccine and two different pneumococcal vaccines (PCV13 and PPSV23).
- Allows for hepatitis B vaccine for persons in certain high-risk groups and Td for wound care.
- For more billing information: <http://go.cms.gov/2uoTril>

Medicare Part D

- Plans must cover all Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) routinely recommended vaccines not covered under Medicare Part B, following Affordable Care Act guidelines.
- Check with the insurance plan for specific coverage details and to determine out-of-pocket cost.
- For more information: www.cms.gov.

Manufacturer Vaccine Assistance Programs

The information below is for informational purposes only and is not a guarantee of program availability or eligibility criteria. It is in no way an endorsement for a particular vaccine manufacturer or vaccine brand. For additional details, contact the vaccine manufacturer directly. Most programs require physician enrollment and participation.

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)

- Offers a program for income eligible adults 19 years of age and older who do not have third party insurance coverage for vaccines.
- Potentially available vaccines: Boostrix, Engerix-B, Rabavert, Shingrix
- For more information, contact 1-866-728-4368 or visit: <https://www.gskforyou.com/vaccines-patient-assistance/>

Merck

- Offers a program for adults, primarily the uninsured, who cannot afford vaccines.
- Potentially available vaccines: Gardasil 9, M-M-R II, Varivax, Zostavax, Recombivax HB, Vaqta, Pneumovax 23
- For more information, contact 1-800-293-3881 or visit: https://www.pparx.org/prescription_assistance_programs/merck_vaccine_patient_assistance_program

Pfizer

- Offers physician office product replacement based assistance program for eligible patients.
- Potentially available vaccines: Prevnar 13, Trumenba
- For more information, contact 1-844-989-7284 or visit: <https://www.pfizerRxpathways.com/>

Sanofi Pasteur

- Offers a program for income eligible adults 19 years of age and older lacking insurance coverage.
- Potentially available vaccines: Adacel, Imogam, Imovax, Menactra, Tenivac
- For more information, contact 1-888-847-4877 or visit: <http://www.sanofipatientconnection.com/patient-assistance-connection>

Additional programs may be available through other vaccine manufacturers. Contact vaccine manufacturer(s) directly to inquire.