



ADULT VACCINATION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

VACCINES AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Working-Age Adults And Preventive Care Benefits

PREVENTIVE IMMUNIZATIONS

Starting in 2015 under the Affordable Care Act, adult immunizations against the major vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs) listed as follows are to be provided to beneficiaries by their health plans in-network with no patient cost-sharing, even if a beneficiary has not met his or her deductible. Most health plans used by multiemployer funds cover recommended vaccinations. It will be important for fund participants, doctors and payers to understand how the ACA's preventive services are to be delivered to avoid unexpected charges and confusion.

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The immunization schedule is set by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), a panel of experts advising the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and selected by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. ACIP makes recommendations based on the best available science. As new vaccines and new information become available, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and ACIP review them and advise CDC. The final approved immunization schedules are available online at www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

The ACIP list will be used as the basis of the Affordable Care Act's immunizations that are to be provided as preventive services.

A person's age, sex and medical history help doctors determine if, when and what kind of adult vaccination should be given. Other factors the doctor will consider may include occupational risks, travel abroad*, personal habits, and associated health conditions. There may be more than one vaccine available for some VPDs.

CDC SCHEDULE **

ACIP's 2014 recommendations for adult immunization against VPD:

- Influenza
- Pneumococcus
- Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B
- Herpes Zoster (Shingles)
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella
- Meningococcus
- Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Td/Tdap)

Fund participants should talk to their health care providers to find out if they are current on their vaccinations, and to their health care plans if they have questions about coverage for vaccinations.

DON'T WAIT – VACCINATE!

* <http://www.cdc.gov/features/vaccines-travel/>

** <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/hcw.htm>

ALL-VAX provides multiemployer funds with tools to help raise awareness about the benefits of adult immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases. Go to www.ALL-VAX.org. ALL-VAX is part of NCCMP's UNITED FOR HEALTHY LIVING CAMPAIGN.



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