On June 27, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued guidance to states on new mandatory coverage required for approved adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and administration, without cost sharing.

Starting October 1, 2023, statutory amendments made by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) require Medicaid and CHIP coverage to pay for these services. The guidance also outlines requirements states must meet to claim a one percentage point increase in the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for these services.

**Which vaccines do states have to cover beginning October 1, 2023?**

Beginning October 1, 2023, State Medicaid and CHIP programs must cover vaccines approved by the FDA for all adults 19 and older which are administered in accordance with ACIP recommendations. CMS does not interpret this to include vaccines the FDA authorized for use under emergency use authorization but has not approved.

Also, beginning October 1, 2023, CMS interprets this to include any approved vaccines identified on the CDC/ACIP adult immunization schedule, such as the shingles and influenza vaccines; and approved vaccines recommended for specific populations (such as the mpox vaccines) if the beneficiary meets the ACIP recommendation’s criteria.

**Who is eligible to receive these mandatory vaccination services?**

This applies to nearly all full benefit beneficiaries aged 19 and older covered under traditional Medicaid, and CHIP beneficiaries aged 19 and older.

**Will Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries who are eligible for the newly required coverage pay anything for these newly covered vaccines or their administration?**

No. Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries who are eligible for the newly required coverage will have no cost sharing for any FDA-approved adult vaccines that are administered in accordance with any category of ACIP recommendations and will have no cost-sharing for the administration.

**Is there enhanced federal funding for state expenditures on these adult vaccines?**

States will receive the regular Medicaid federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) and CHIP FMAP for their expenditures on adult vaccinations they are required to cover under the IRA. In addition, states that, as of August 16, 2022, were covering approved, ACIP-recommended adult vaccinations, without cost sharing, can claim a one percentage point increase in FMAP for their Medicaid expenditures on these vaccination services for the first eight fiscal quarters that begin on or after October 1, 2023. At the conclusion of the eight fiscal quarters (September 30, 2025), these states’ Medicaid expenditures for vaccines and administration will be matched at the applicable regular FMAP.

**Where can I find more information?**

Please see the Mandatory Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program Coverage of Adult Vaccinations under the Inflation Reduction Act. For more information on Medicaid and CHIP coverage of adult vaccinations, please see the [letter to states](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=66398729&msgid=565672&act=6ZJR&c=1185304&pid=2103533&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.medicaid.gov%2Ffederal-policy-guidance%2Fdownloads%2Fsho23003.pdf&cf=6316&v=631809ef723c9de16eb24fe214339c06a40374b4a841998a9cf456a4eaec80ef) and [CMS’s fact sheet](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=66398729&msgid=565672&act=6ZJR&c=1185304&pid=2103533&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.medicaid.gov%2Fmedicaid%2Fquality-of-care%2Fdownloads%2Fvaccinations-fact-sheet-06272023.pdf&cf=6316&v=d3572fea538c574d2998878e43e5d8f670715f0d430ee179899ab54c0e93765a).