CA Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program Eligibility Based on Insurance Status



Patient Health Insurance Status	VFA (317 – Funded Vaccine) Eligibility
Uninsured/No Insurance (includes those who receive primary care through county safety net programs; these are NOT considered health insurance)	Eligible for ALL VFA vaccines
Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service/ Medi-Cal Managed Care https://bit.ly/CAhealthplans	NOT Eligible for VFA vaccines ¹
Medicare Part B (medical benefit) ² AND Part D (prescription drug benefit)	NOT Eligible for VFA vaccines
Medicare Part B Alone ²	Eligible for these routine VFA vaccines: • Zoster • Tdap • Td if patient does NOT have a wound • Hep B if patient NOT high or medium risk • Hep A • Varicella • RSV • HPV • MMR
Medicare Part D Alone ³	Eligible for these routine VFA vaccines: • PCV20 • Hep B
Insurance NOT through Medi-Cal or Medicare	Only eligible for VFA vaccines that are NOT covered by patient's private insurance plan ⁴

¹Full scope Medi-Cal covers all ACIP-recommended vaccines.

² Medicare Part B covers: influenza, pneumococcal, and other vaccines (i.e., Td, Hep B, and Rabies) directly related to the treatment of an injury or direct exposure to a disease or condition (e.g., Td is covered as preventative care for tetanus when patient has a wound). Similarly, Hep B vaccine is only available to low-risk patients through VFA because Medicare Part B will cover Hep B vaccine when a patient is considered high or medium risk for contracting Hepatitis B. These include patients who have diabetes, work in health care and have frequent contact with blood or other body fluids; live with someone who is a Hep B carrier; are men who have sex with men; use illicit injectable drugs; have End Stage Renal Disease; have hemophilia; or are clients or staff at institutions for the developmentally disabled.

³Except for vaccines covered under Part B, Medicare Part D generally covers all commercially available vaccines needed to prevent illness. Contact your patient's plan to find out about coverage.

⁴Fully-insured adults whose insurance covers the cost of the vaccine(s) are NOT eligible for VFA vaccine(s), even if the insurance includes a high deductible or co-pay, the plan's deductible has not been met, or the insurance has cost sharing.

Recent changes in California law have gradually expanded access to full-scope Medi-Cal for adults ages <u>19-25 years 50 years and</u> <u>older</u> and <u>26-49 years</u> regardless of immigration status. All other Medi-Cal eligibility rules apply, including income limits.