

Advocate in support of:

MASSACHUSETTS UNIVERSAL ADULT VACCINE PROGRAM

Modeling the success of the Universal Pediatric Vaccine Purchase Trust, the Healey Administration has proposed the creation of a Universal Adult Vaccine program. Here's what that means:



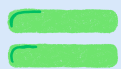
Eliminates cost barriers for providers to offer adult vaccines



Expands the number of sites for adult vaccination



Reduces costs for insurance carriers benefiting from price savings on adult vaccines



Protection from vaccine preventable disease across the lifespan

This is currently under review by the MA legislature. If you'd like to see this become law, reach out to your legislator.



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WHY?

The current mechanisms for the procurement of adult vaccination depend on a combination of health insurance coverage, and state and federal resources for a limited list of vaccines for uninsured adults seen in limited settings. Purchasing adult vaccines is a challenge for providers because it requires anticipation of demand, high upfront purchasing costs, and cumbersome reimbursement. **These bottlenecks reduce adult immunization access.**

HOW?

Establishing an **Adult Vaccine Purchase Fund** allows for the purchase of adult vaccines utilizing federally negotiated contracts with vaccine manufacturers. Similar to the Vaccines for Children program, providers request vaccine directly from the MA Department of Public Health and vaccines are purchased using fund dollars. This fund:

- Saves on the cost of vaccine purchase due to the bulk contracting capability
- Allows DPH to manage vaccine allocation and re-allocation to reduce wastage
- Eliminates fiscal outlay by providers and dose-by-dose reimbursement paperwork for both providers and carriers

COST?

There is no cost to the state or to providers. The cost of vaccine purchase would be covered using the same model as the Pediatric Trust Fund: an assessment of health insurers, using the same process as the Health Safety Net surcharge.

WHICH VAX?

Initially and at a minimum, flu, COVID-19, and RSV vaccines will be included. The selection of adult vaccines to purchase would be guided by an expert advisory panel with representation by clinical providers and health insurance carriers.



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