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IHCP removes cost-sharing obligations for pharmacist-administered adult vaccines

In an effort to improve vaccination rates and help reduce morbidity, hospitalizations and deaths among the adult population, amendments were made to Section 11405 of the *Inflation Reduction Act* (IRA) requiring Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) programs to cover U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and their administration with no member cost sharing.

Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after Oct. 1, 2023, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will remove member cost-sharing obligations for all FDA-approved, ACIP-recommended adult vaccines on claims processed through the pharmacy benefit. As established in *IHCP Bulletins* [BT201564](#) and [BT201823](#), the IHCP will reimburse IHCP-enrolled pharmacy providers for pharmacist-administered vaccines when provided to eligible IHCP members 19 years of age and older.



Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination reimbursement is currently carved out of the managed care benefits. Pharmacy claims for managed care and fee-for-service (FFS) members should be submitted to the FFS pharmacy benefit manager, Optum Rx, as announced in [BT2020127](#).

For more information related to adult vaccine coverage for FFS members, COVID-19 vaccines or this bulletin, please contact the Optum Rx Clinical and Technical Help Desk by calling toll-free 855-577-6317. Questions regarding adult vaccine coverage through the pharmacy benefit for members in the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), Hoosier Care Connect and Hoosier Healthwise should be referred to the managed care entity (MCE) with which the member is enrolled.

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