



Adult Immunizations & Healthcare Coverage

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EXCITE project overarching goal:

- To increase accessibility and acceptability of COVID-19 and other CDC recommended adult immunizations in rural and medically underserved communities.



Healthcare Access in Rural Communities

Access to healthcare services is critical to good health, yet rural residents face a variety of access barriers.

Rural residents often encounter barriers to healthcare that limit their ability to obtain the care they need. To have good healthcare access, a rural resident must also have:

- Means
- Transportation
- Confidence
- Trust

Agenda

- Private Insurance
- Federal / State Programs
- Military
- Uninsured
- Immunization Information Systems
- Where to get vaccinated?

U.S. Health Care Coverage, 2020

Source	Enrollment (millions/ percentage of U.S. population)
Insured	298 (91.4 %)
Private health insurance – Group	177 (54.4 %)
Private health insurance – Non-group	34 (10.5 %)
Medicare	60 (18.4 %)
Medicaid	58 (17.8 %)
Military – TRICARE	9 (2.8 %)
Military – VA Care	3 (0.9 %)
Uninsured	28 (8.6 %)

Private Insurance

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- All Health Insurance Marketplace plans and most other private insurance plans must cover CDC's routinely recommended vaccines for adults without charging a copayment or coinsurance when provided by an in-network provider.
- The following vaccines are usually covered by health insurance:
 - Hepatitis A
 - Hepatitis B
 - Herpes Zoster
 - Human Papillomavirus
 - Influenza
 - Measles, Mumps, Rubella
 - Meningococcal
 - Pneumococcal
 - Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis
 - Varicella
- Check with the insurance provider for coverage details.

Medicare

Medicare

- Covers vaccines for more than **60 million people** ages 65 and older, and younger adults with long-term disabilities
- With the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, People with Medicare drug coverage will pay nothing out-of-pocket for adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), including the shingles and Tetanus-Diphtheria-Whooping Cough vaccines, starting in 2023

[How to Pay for Adult Vaccines | CDC](#)

[How Will I Pay for My Family's Vaccinations? - Vaccinate Your Family](#)

[The Inflation Reduction Act Lowers Health Care Costs for Millions of Americans | CMS](#)

Medicaid

Medicaid

- Medicaid is the largest program providing medical and health-related services to low-income people.
- Medicaid is a state–federal partnership jointly funded by the states and federal government and administered by the states according to federal requirements to assist states in providing medical care to eligible people.
- Each state establishes its own eligibility standards; determines the type, amount, duration, and scope of services; sets the rate of payment for services; and administers its own program.
- Most adults enrolled in Medicaid will be guaranteed coverage of ACIP-recommended vaccines at no cost to them, beginning October 1, 2023.

[Medicaid - Health, United States \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/medicaid/)

[Medicaid Facts and Figures | CMS](#)

[The Inflation Reduction Act Lowers Health Care Costs for Millions of Americans | CMS](#)

Medicaid

- Most state Medicaid agencies cover at least some adult immunizations, but some may not offer any vaccines. Check with your [state Medicaid agency](#) for more information.

[State Overviews | Medicaid](#)
[How to Pay for Adult Vaccines | CDC](#)

The screenshot shows the Medicaid.gov website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Federal Policy Guidance", "Resources for States", "Medicaid", "CHIP", "Basic Health Program", "State Overviews", and "About Us". The "State Overviews" link is highlighted. Below the navigation bar, the page title "State Overviews" is displayed. A paragraph of text explains that every state's Medicaid and CHIP program is changing and improving, and that the State Overviews provide resources to highlight key characteristics and report data to increase public transparency. Below this text, there are three main sections: "Medicaid & CHIP Scorecard", "State Medicaid & CHIP Profiles", and "Medicaid MAGI & CHIP Application Processing Times". The "State Medicaid & CHIP Profiles" section includes a dropdown menu to "Choose a State" and a "View" button. The "About Us" section lists links for "Program History", "Leadership", "Organization", "Visit CMS", and "Contact Us". The "Related Resources" section lists several links, including "Adult and Child Health Care Quality Measures", "Medicaid & CHIP Enrollment Data", "Medicaid, CHIP, and Basic Health Program Eligibility Levels", "Medicaid Managed Care Quality", "SPA and 1915 Waiver Processing", "State Waivers List", and "Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS)".

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State Overviews

Every state's Medicaid and CHIP program is changing and improving. The State Overviews provide resources that highlight the key characteristics of states' Medicaid and CHIP programs and report data to increase public transparency about the programs' administration and outcomes. This version of the Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard was released in December 2021.

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Military

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- If they served in the military or are a military dependent, they are eligible for TRICARE.
- Under TRICARE, CDC's routinely recommended vaccines should be fully covered at no cost.

Uninsured

Uninsured

- Approximately 28 million individuals (8.6%) of the U.S. population were uninsured in 2020.
- If an individual can't afford the vaccines, they can contact their state or local health department to ask if they know of any state programs that offer free or low-cost vaccines.
- They may also contact a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Clinic (RHC) or local health department in their area to see if they offer vaccines for individuals at a lower cost.
- Clinics may require them to register as a patient to give them vaccines.



Other Federal Programs

Other Federal Programs for Adult Immunizations

- Federal funds pay for approximately 95% of all publicly funded vaccinations through the following two sources:
 - Section 317 of the Public Health Services Act
 - The Vaccines for Children Program

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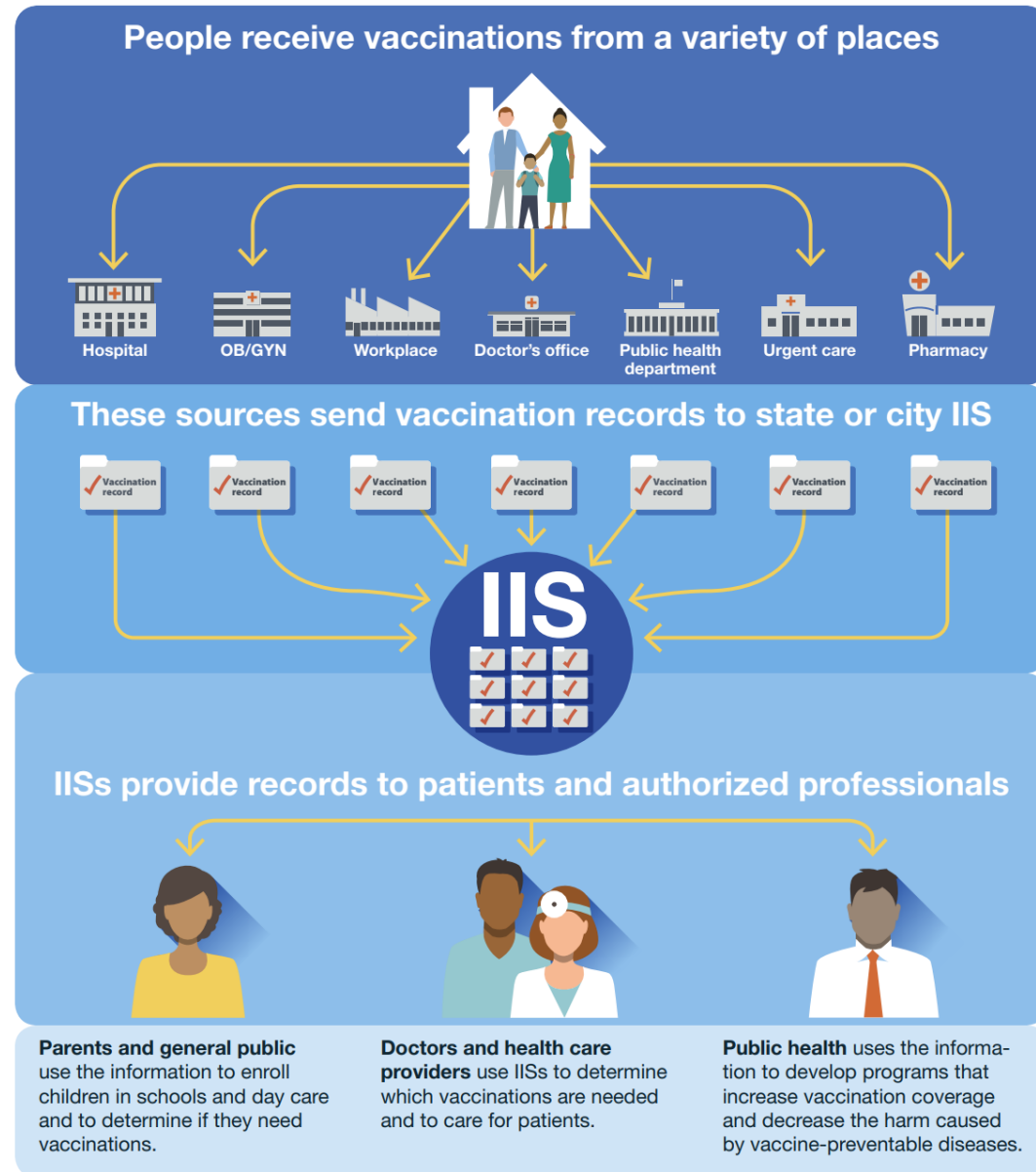
- Creates a federal program administered by CDC and provides grants to States and Territories, commonwealth trusts and several cities for vaccine purchase and programs such as outreach and disease surveillance.
- The Affordable Care Act (ACA) authorizes states to purchase recommended vaccines for adults.
- The U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) secretary can negotiate and contract with manufacturers, allowing states to receive adult vaccines at a negotiated price and provide these vaccines to certain groups of adults, such as uninsured adults, in their immunization program.

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- Immunization information systems (IIS) help providers, families, and public health officials by consolidating immunization information into one reliable source.
- The information can then be used to guide patient care, improve vaccination rates, and ultimately reduce vaccine-preventable disease.

Basics of Immunization Information Systems (IISs)





Where to get vaccinated?

Where to get vaccinated?

You can get most recommended vaccines at:

- The doctor's office
- Local pharmacies
- Health centers
- Health departments
- Travel clinics

The screenshot shows the Georgia Department of Public Health website. The header includes the logo and navigation menu with categories like About DPH, Health Topics, COVID-19, Vital Records, Women and Children, Immunizations, Environmental Health, and Epidemiology. The main content area is titled 'Immunizations' and features a sidebar with links to 'Child and Adolescent Immunizations', 'Frequently Asked Questions', 'Georgia Immunization Registry (GRIS)', 'Health Care Professionals', 'Immunization Publications', 'Immunization Schedules', 'Related Links', 'School Vaccines and Updates', 'Travel Immunizations', 'Vaccine Safety', and 'Vaccines for Children'. The main text section is titled 'Immunizations' and includes a sub-section for 'Back to School Immunizations' with links to 'Child Care & School Attendance - Immunization Requirements for Georgia', 'Pre-Teens - Vaccines Recommended', 'Teens - Vaccines Recommended', and 'Recommended Vaccines by Age | ESPANOL'. A quote states: 'Effective July 1, 2021, children 16 years of age and older, who are entering the 11th grade (including new entrants), must have received one booster dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4), unless'. To the right, there is a featured image of a young girl with a bandage on her arm, with the text 'August is Immunization Month!' and 'August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the importance of vaccinations for people of all ages.' and a 'LEARN MORE!' button.

The 'Find a Health Center' interface features a dark blue header with the title and a search icon. Below the header is a light blue background with a map of the United States. The text prompts the user to 'Enter a City name, ZIP Code, (such as "20002"), address, State name, or place name.' Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Enter a location' and a magnifying glass icon. At the bottom, the HRSA logo is displayed with the text 'Powered by data.hrsa.gov'.

[Where to Go | HHS.gov](#)

[Immunizations | Georgia Department of Public Health](#)

Thank you

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