

VACCINATION POLICY

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- **Patients 19 years and older without insurance. LPFP collects payment at the time of service for the vaccine and vaccine administration on the yellow superbill without a discount.**

Background:

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- Majority if not all vaccines are cheaper for Medicare and Medicare Advantage patients to obtain at the pharmacy rather than LPFP.
- ABNs are only for traditional Medicare. Each Medicare Advantage plan has its own version of an ABN, and it would be challenging for our staff to use more than one form given the multiple Medicare Advantage plans.
- The LPFP billing department is receiving an increased volume of calls from patients stating they wish they had known a vaccine given at LPFP was cheaper at the pharmacy.
- Several patients aged 65 and older are unsure about their Medicare or Medicare Advantage plan and some do not realize they are on Medicare. This is why the billing department recommends using age rather than insurance type.
- In the rare case that a patient 65 and older with commercial insurance will not obtain a vaccine at the pharmacy a provider may order for administration. No forms need to be completed.
- Pharmacies carry all vaccinations including Shingrix, PCV20, MMR, Twinrix (HepA/HepB), typhoid IM. Providers may send patients to the pharmacy for travel vaccines. Patients can walk-in or schedule a vaccine appointment at their pharmacy. It is possible that the pharmacy could be out of a vaccine so scheduling an appointment will ensure the vaccine they are requesting is in stock.



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- These forms have been used in the past and may be used again in the future if there are new vaccine recommendations and it is unclear whether commercial insurances are covering them.
- In a rare circumstance when a commercial insurance company does not reimburse us for a vaccination, the LPFP billing department can notify the patient and collect payment afterward.

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- Vaccines and vaccine administration fees are a general expense and a set cost for LPFP.
- Patients 18 and under without insurance qualify for VFC vaccines.