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MEDI-CAL PROVIDES ACCESS TO ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS IN PHARMACIES

The following information is written and authorized for dissemination by the California Department of Health Care Services:

The Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS) contract drug list now includes all [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)-recommended adult immunizations](#) as a pharmacy benefit (see [January 2016](#) and [September 2016](#) Medi-Cal Pharmacy Bulletins).

The California Department of Health Care Services subsequently released an [All Plan Letter](#) requiring Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plans (MCPs) to also offer these adult immunizations on their pharmacy formulary. Currently, all Medi-Cal MCPs cover some, if not all, ACIP-recommended adult immunizations as a pharmacy benefit. In time, all Medi-Cal MCPs will cover all the immunizations as they update their formularies.

Additionally, Medi-Cal expanded their Presumptive Eligibility (PE) program for pregnant women to offer a *full range* of influenza vaccine products. Medi-Cal, including emergency-only and pregnancy-related Medi-Cal, also covers the provision of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) immunizations to pregnant women at in-network pharmacies. [Pregnant women are recommended to receive Tdap](#) at the [earliest opportunity](#) between 27-36 weeks gestation of every pregnancy, regardless of mothers' Tdap history, to maximize the transfer of maternal antibodies to [protect the infant from whooping cough](#). See the [2015 Maternal and Infant Health Assessment Survey](#) fact sheet for self-reported prenatal Tdap and flu vaccine rates in your county or region and a [Prenatal Tdap Immunization flyer](#) for FREE education materials you can order to educate patients about the benefits of prenatal immunizations.

If your pharmacy is an in-network provider and is encountering any issues with Medi-Cal MCP or FFS reimbursement of vaccines, contact the [respective health plan](#) or Medi-Cal Provider Helpline at 1-800-541-5555.

New pharmacy regulations require that pharmacists notify the primary care provider and prenatal care provider, if applicable and known, about immunizations administered to their patients and report immunizations administered into the state or regional immunization registry within 14 days of administration. For more information about the California Immunization Registry (CAIR), see [cairweb.org](#). For more information on the pharmacy regulations, see the [amended regulation text](#) and [additional information about the reporting requirement to CAIR](#).

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