

Accessing Vaccines Through Patient Assistance Programs

Most people have coverage for vaccines through private health plans or government insurance programs like Medicare, Medicaid, or the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. For those who aren't covered, there may still be help available.

Patient assistance programs (PAPs) are offered by pharmaceutical companies to provide free or low-cost vaccines to eligible individuals who are uninsured or underinsured. These programs help to remove financial barriers and provide a pathway to vaccination for those who otherwise might not have coverage for the cost of vaccines.

Each company that offers a PAP may have different eligibility criteria or rules you need to follow. The information below is a guide to the kinds of questions they may ask to determine if you are eligible.

Who is Eligible?

Eligibility for PAPs may take into account:

- **Uninsured or Underinsured Status:** You may qualify for a PAP if you have no insurance or limited coverage that does not fully cover the cost of the vaccine(s).
- **Income Requirements:** Most programs have income limits, often set at a percentage of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- **Residency:** You must reside in the U.S. or its territories and be treated by a U.S.-licensed healthcare provider.
- **Specific Vaccine Needs:** You may need a prescription or a specific medical indication for the vaccine you're seeking.

How to Apply?

- 1 Check Eligibility:** Review the specific eligibility requirements for the PAP that corresponds to the vaccine you're interested in receiving.
- 2 Gather Documents:** You may need proof of income, residency, and a prescription or medical documentation.
- 3 Complete the Application:** Applications can often be completed online or via mail. Ensure all information is accurate and complete.
- 4 Submit Your Application:** Follow the instructions provided by the program for submission.
- 5 Follow Up:** After submission, monitor your application status. Some programs may require additional documentation.

Important Notes

- ▶ **Timing:** Start the application process early, as it may take some time to get approval.
- ▶ **Provider Involvement:** Some programs require your healthcare provider to submit parts of the application.
- ▶ **Renewal:** If you need ongoing financial support to access vaccines, there may be application renewal requirements for continued assistance.

PAPs Offering Respiratory Vaccines

- ▶ [GSKForYou](#)
- ▶ [Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program](#)
- ▶ [Pfizer Patient Assistance Program](#)
- ▶ [Sanofi Patient Connection](#)

Need More Help?

If you have questions or need assistance with the application process, reach out to your healthcare provider or the specific PAP customer service team.